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FOR IRIS LOVERS  
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FIRST OF A NEW RACE OF  
ONCOGELIA HYBRID IRIS

**RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING GARDENS**

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WORLD'S ONLY COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE OFFERINGS IN IRIS FOR YEAR-ROUND BLOOM



# IRIS BUYER'S GUIDE FOR 1956

SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION YOU NEED IN CHOOSING IRIS FOR YOUR GARDEN

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## THE IRIS COLLECTION ON WHICH THIS CATALOG IS BASED

In order to be in a position to render the most helpful type of service to Iris fanciers and breeders throughout the world, I make a great effort each year to add to my collection for testing purposes practically all of the worthwhile new Iris introductions. During 1955, for example, I planted in my test garden over 300 of the VERY NEWEST Iris released by over 50 leading hybridizers in this country and abroad. While these represent various types of Iris, the great majority of these new ones are Tall Bearded, the type on which most breeders are still concentrating—apparently blissfully unaware of the eventual evolution in Iris that will add at least some **Oncoblood** to most Bearded Iris grown throughout the land. However, as a forerunner and portent of things to come, my elite group planted in 1955 includes more Oncobreds than any other type but Tall Bearded—a total of 35 brand new Oncobreds! My Iris collection has now reached well over 1,000 named varieties.

## HOW I AM ABLE TO OFFER YOU THE NEW AND SCARCE VARIETIES

But what interests YOU, naturally, is not what I have growing here at Placerville, but what is available NOW, in 1956, for shipping to you. All dyed-in-the-wool Iris enthusiasts want the new creations while they are still REALLY NEW. It has always been a problem to find a way to make enough of them generally available at the time when they are most wanted. You will, therefore, welcome the news that I am this year inaugurating an entirely new policy of NOT waiting one to three years for my stock to increase to the point where it will justify my regular full catalog descriptions.

Instead, I am offering 150 very new things while my stocks are still limited. You will find 76 of these much-sought varieties in the regular alphabetical listings, with short one or two line descriptions and identified by the symbol ®, meaning **NEW AND SCARCE**. On page 33 you will find offered an additional 74 varieties, where my stocks are the shortest of all. These are presented with the names of the originators, years of introduction and prices, but no descriptions.

In addition to the 150 very new kinds offered this year with restricted listings, there are over 100 of the newest in Tall Bearded and other types presented with full catalog descriptions. So all in all, I have available for you this year 815 varieties, including the greatest array of REALLY NEW Iris of all types ever assembled in one catalog. Actually, I offer no less than 72 1955 and 1956 introductions, 67 1954 introductions and 81 1953 introductions. There are represented 96 different hybridizers in 29 states and foreign countries.

## KEY TO DATA TO HELP YOU SELECT AND PLAN

To help both Iris lovers and amateur hybridizers secure the information that they need, I give all of the following data in my variety descriptions: originator, year of introduction, season of bloom, height in inches, description, awards, parentage in square brackets whenever known to contain at least one named variety usable by others, price.

® — New and Scarce Varieties.

► — Points to best bargains for 3 of a kind.

I recommend particularly Iris recently honored by Awards of American Iris Society:

Dykes—Dykes Memorial Medal. (Highest Award, yearly to the one best Iris.)

AM—Award of Merit. (Next to Highest.)

Dykes RU and AM-RU—Runners-up.

HM—Honorable Mention.

HC—High Commendation.

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## MY NEW COLOR AND SEASON GUIDES

This year, for the first time, my catalog is arranged with the varieties in strict alphabetical sequence under each type of Iris. This has been done to make it easier for everyone to find varieties of interest without the need of consulting a detailed index. But there exists a well-nigh universal need for color and season approaches to Iris of various types. Hence this catalog presents, for the first time in any publication, comprehensive guides to the selection of nearly ALL TYPES OF IRIS by Season of Bloom and by Color.

I include, not only lists of varieties to aid selection for special purposes, but also special group prices so that Iris lovers and hybridizers can secure almost any desired selection of varieties at a substantial saving. Actually there are well over 150 of these special group offers in this catalog. Together, with the scores of my regular collections, always spotlighted in yellow, make this, my 10th Anniversary Catalog, the CATALOG OF IRIS BARGAINS.

You will find these COLOR and SEASON GUIDES throughout the catalog, and an explanation of their usefulness starting on the Tall Bearded rainbow page, page 22. Keep this CATALOG-GUIDEBOOK handy as a work of reference until next year's edition arrives. An order this year will insure that you will automatically get next year's revised edition, with new color plates and MANY new varieties.

**SEASON ABBREVIATIONS** from earliest to latest spring: EE, VE, E, EM, M, ML, L, and VL. To avoid the customary short Tall Bearded season, be sure to choose early, midseason and late varieties in each of the colors of greatest interest to you. Since the majority of varieties bloom at midseason, or nearly, you will need to give special thought to provide your garden with a good assortment of both the early bloomers and the late ones.

## You Need My RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL

Both Manual and Supplement offered on pages 34 and 35.

Since I offer such a wide variety of Iris of 20 distinct types, and having somewhat different cultural requirements, there has arisen a persistent demand for this comprehensive MANUAL adequately covering the whole subject. In spite of the diversity of types of Iris, their culture is remarkably simple and easy to understand, as I have grouped them all under three general cultural procedures, with only minor special considerations in the handling of specific types.

I have brought together for you in concentrated, verified form, a summary of my own accumulated experiences and those of many of my customers in dozens of different states. To this has been added valuable information from well over 100 books, bulletins and articles on Iris growing and hybridizing. In this way you can have practically everything you need to know, instantly available in one place without extensive searching, and without the expense of buying many different reference works. Included, for example, is various material directly from two of the most significant of all published works on Iris, namely, W. R. Dyke's "Handbook of Garden Irises" and his monumental work "The Genus Iris." The latter is valued, when obtainable, at about \$100 a copy.

The second half of this 44-page booklet covers all phases of hybridizing from planning your crosses to the techniques for pollinating, seed collection and seed sowing—for Tall Bearded Iris and also the many Unusual Iris offered in this catalog. Among the many subjects covered are these: Varieties recommended as parents in breeding for 26 specific objectives; How to synchronize blooming periods; Chromosome numbers; Mendelian inheritance; Ways to increase your sets.

"Sparked by your fascinating Manual I've had to try hybridizing in a small way and have had such fun. Even had one seedling worth displaying at our local non-competitive Flower Show. It aroused loads of interest—everyone seemed to want to dash home and try a few crosses. Thank you so much for starting me on a new and very wonderful hobby and for the healthy rhizomes with which my orders are always filled." Mrs. Dorothea McGeogagan, Willows, California.

## You Also Need My SUPPLEMENT to the Manual

In a field as subject to constant development as Iris culture and hybridizing, no publication can remain wholly complete and up-to-date for very long. Hence I propose to issue, from time to time, a series of SUPPLEMENTS to my MANUAL to provide you with latest information on various subjects of vital interest. The following partial outline will give a good idea of the comprehensive contents of Supplement No. 1.

I—PLANNING YOUR IRIS GARDEN: Utilizing all types of Iris; harmonious color groupings; charts of blooming seasons and heights.

II—CULTURE OF ARILS: Promising new cultural techniques.

III—IRIS EXHIBITION: How to stage an Iris show, exhibit Iris and win prizes.

IV—IRIS HYBRIDIZING: Speeding seed germination; best kinds for parents.

**COLOR PLATES**—Life-like color pictures, all made from Ektachromes taken here at Rainbow Gardens, and used exclusively in this catalog.



# My New Introductions

## ELEVEN 1956 INTRODUCTIONS

### The FIRST American Oncogelias

Almost all previous Oncogelias are from breeding work done in Holland 50 years ago. Below are the first two of my new strain of Oncogelias, radically different from any ever offered before. Both are from embryo-cultured seeds.

**PERSIAN LACE (Austin '56) E-18" \$25.00**

**Illustrated Nearly Life-size and in Full Color on Front Cover**  
A new departure in Oncogelias, the largest, most Onco-like of any ever introduced. Flowers up to 6½ inches high, nearly twice the size of most Oncogelias on the market today. The very finest of the many Oncogelias seedlings that I have bloomed to date. Standards silvery white with a flush of pink, and with a complete lacework of fine sharp violet veins, reminiscent of handwork of the East. Falls very broad, nearly circular, colored like standards except for a large soft orchid-pink area in center, and a prominent **ebony-black signal patch**. A flower of queenly elegance, wholly unlike any other Iris ever created. Has Onco blood from both parents, so no wonder it looks like an Onco! A heavy seed setter. [Teucros X Onco Seedling No. H-16-0].

**PERSIAN BRONZE** — Description and life-like color picture on page 8 **\$5.00**

## MY THREE NEW ONCOCREDS

**PINK MOHR (Austin '56) M to L-24"** The pinkest Onco bred to date with real Mohr form and definite Onco characteristics. Imagine a large flower, much like Elmoir, but bright orchid-pink instead of purple. Even "moir" Onco-like than Elmoir, as it has ½-inch soft **rosy-mulberry** signal at end of beard. Resembles Present, but is very much pinker, brighter. Stiff, nearly horizontal falls sometimes spreading out as much as 7" Beard bronzy-yellow. If this were tall, well branched, it would be well worth a high introductory price, but as it is about 2 ft. high, I am making it available at a very modest price for such a beauty. [Cherie X Capitola]..... **\$10.00**

**OLIVE ORCHID (Austin '56) L-40"** The most "unusual" Onco bred seedling I have ever bloomed! First, the coloring is unusual, for it has an almost believe-it-or-not combination of hafts **prominently marked with broad olive veins on petals that are pale lilac-blue**. Resembles Blue Parakeet, but here the olive is much more pronounced. Second, it is **40 inches tall, with excellent branching**, characteristics seldom associated with Onco-breds. There are usually 3 long branches and one short one, the lowest one being branched. Finally, unlike most Onco-breds, it blooms **late** in the season. Good pollen. [Butterfly Wings X Chivalry]..... **\$10.00**

**GOLD OF OPHIR (Austin '56) M-L-40"** Named Gold of Ophir because its coloring and its profusion of bloom remind one of a tall hedge of old-fashioned Gold of Ophir roses, so loaded with rich golden flowers that hardly a leaf shows. Very definitely **THIS** is the Iris to plant for a wonderful mass of color in a short time. In two years each rhizome will yield a big clump of **8 to 12 tall flower stalks with about 60 flowers** and buds. I know of no other Onco-bred that can compete with this record. Individual flowers not large, but so plentiful, so colorful, everyone stands in admiration. Standards very deep yellow, falls bright yellow, heavily washed with reddish orange. When your neighbors see this they will all want a piece of it..... **\$5.00**

## My 1956 Introductions on Other Pages

**FALL FRILLS and AUTUMN ORCHID** — My new twice-bloomers, page 10.

**GREEN HOPE** — A new Table Iris in green tones from our poet, Mr. Rees, page 19.

**REAL HARMONY** — A charming addition to the delightful Regelias, page 7.

## 1956 Introductions Continued

### TALL BEARDED—Economic Milestone Series

**COLOR RIOT (Austin '56) EM-38"** Indeed, a riot of contrasting colors, that catch everyone's attention. Standards bright lilac rose. Falls deep purplish crimson, with a long and prominent orange-red beard. [Buffawn X Flora Zenor]..... **\$5.00**

**FANCY VELVET (Austin '56) ML-38"** The most velvety Iris I have bloomed in the new "fancy" pattern. Standards soft crimson, flushed yellow. Falls very velvety, light crimson, heavily overlaid with veinings in rich, dark crimson..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

### MY THREE HORNED IRIS

All three are proving to be fast growers and rapid increasers, so I am able to drop all prices heavily for 1956. This is your opportunity!

**PLUMED DELIGHT (Austin '55) M-32"** I present Plumed Delight as my finest horned Iris to date. A bewitching yellow cream, washed and veined in greyish lilac, bordered in pale yellow. Falls beautifully rippled, stiffly horizontal, much more flaring than those of its sister seedling Unicorn. Horns are usually more pronounced, somewhat more constant. Beards are yellow and white, extend out along deep violet horns, which usually project a full half inch from the falls. A violet center line on each fall, under the horn, completes the strange fascination with which this unique flower holds every observer. A very heavy bloomer, frequently producing two or three stalks from a single rhizome. No pollen but set seed when pollinated with Argus Pheasant and Temple Bells. Absolutely unsurpassed by any Iris in this catalog as a promising parent for breeding really new and startling creations. Be the first to get started! [JS-M-176B X 638]..... **\$50.00**

**MULBERRY SNOW (Austin '55) L-45"** A horned sister seedling of Unicorn that has one of the most novel color patterns ever seen. Actually has a "snow-capped" appearance due to large prominent white blaze at top of each fall, around beard. Standards smooth, dark reddish wine. Falls below the white blaze intense mulberry, indistinctly lined in white in a fancy pattern. At end of each beard is a prominent mulberry horn projecting out about ½ inch. A fine breeder, both as a seed parent and a pollen parent. [JS-M-176B X 638]..... **\$35.00**

**UNICORN (Austin '54) ML-L-42"** This is the original, the world's first horned Iris. Depicted below in life-like true color. Represents greatest break in development of an entirely new and highly decorative Iris form that has occurred in the last half century of intensive Iris breeding. Customary beards, instead of reposing quietly on the falls in the normal position, are raised and separated from the falls, projecting as striking plumed horns. Coloring is bold and contrasting—brilliant mulberry standards, and snow white falls, prominently edged to match the standards. Beard is orange-yellow, changing to white and mulberry. Sets seed readily and has abundant fertile pollen. [JS-M-176B X 638]..... **\$25.00**

"The rhizome Unicorn was the best we had ever received; was surely a dandy."  
Ward Underwood, Ottawa, Kansas.

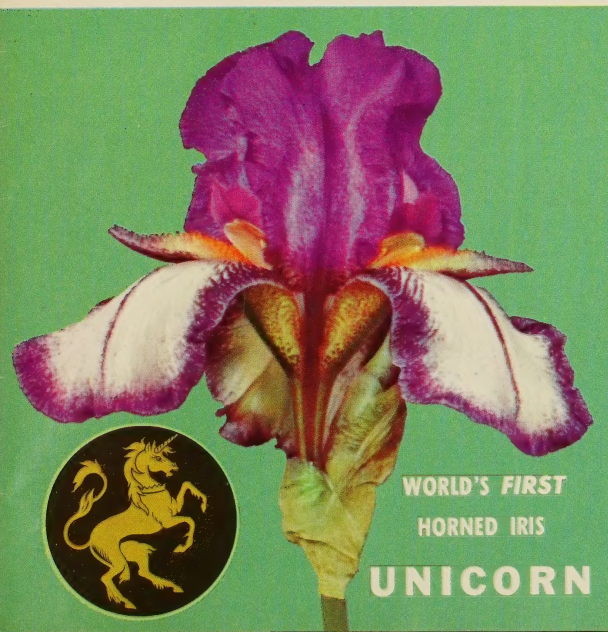
For the hybridizing possibilities of the Horned Iris see page 17.

**MY INTRODUCTIONS** — No. 1 — Order any 3 of my originations anywhere in this catalog and you may ask for your choice of the \$6.00 Iris, Real Gold or Fancyancy, FREE.  
**MY INTRODUCTIONS** — No. 2 — Order any 4 varieties listed on this page (described either here or elsewhere) and you may ask for a \$17.50 Clementina FREE. (See back cover.)

**HORNED IRIS NO. 1** — Unicorn FREE with an order for Plumed Delight and Mulberry Snow, at regular prices.

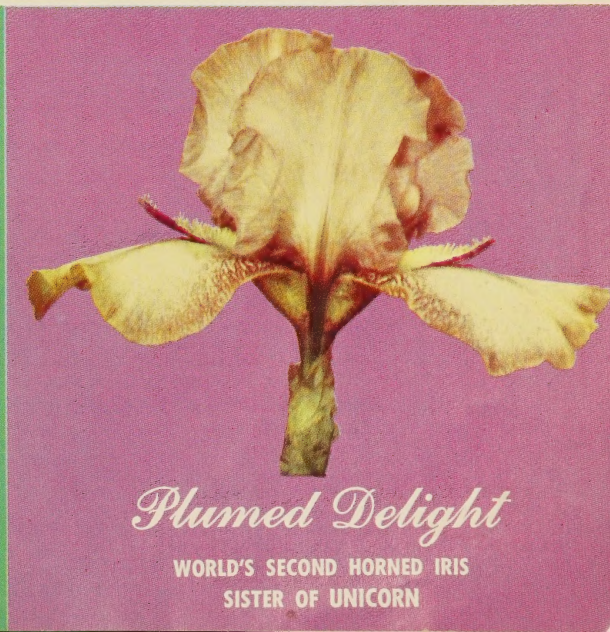
**HORNED IRIS NO. 2** — Any two, or all three, of the horned Iris for only 70% of the sum of their prices.

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WORLD'S FIRST  
HORNED IRIS

**UNICORN**



*Plumed Delight*

WORLD'S SECOND HORNED IRIS  
SISTER OF UNICORN



# Exotic ARIL IRIS for

It's Time To Become Acquainted With The Hardy ARILS, Namely  
World's Most Comprehensive Offerings in ARIL IRIS

## MEET THE ARILS (Oncos, Regelias & Oncogelias)

**THE ARILS:** These alone, of all the Iris, have seeds with prominent white arils or collars. No matter where you live, you can grow exotic Aril Iris, for they are being successfully grown by my customers in all parts of the United States.

**USES:** Aril Iris are so exciting and different from any Iris you have ever seen that they can be used advantageously to focus the spotlight of attention on YOUR garden, YOUR indoor arrangements, or YOUR exhibit at your local flower show. Also, they are simply superb for hybridizing, whether you are an amateur making your first crosses, or an experienced breeder eager to bring in exotic new blood lines. Specific uses for each of the three types of ARILS will be found under their respective headings.

**CULTURE AND HARDINESS** (In brief): When preparing for planting, select a sunny well drained spot. Mix with the soil, well in advance of planting, some lime, bonemeal and a little complete fertilizer or finely pulverized manure. Provide ridges or raised beds to insure drainage. Plant about a foot apart, and cover rhizomes about 2 inches. In cold regions mulch bed with 2" or 3" of straw, or other light airy material (not leaves or manure). Remove mulch after danger of frost. In dry climates, rhizomes can be left in all summer. But where summer rains occur, or where garden beds are watered, it is best to dig rhizomes soon after naturally sparse foliage dies down. Dry thoroughly, remove tops, and store in a cool place in dry sand until October. Or, grow in a cold frame and use glass to keep off summer rains. Also adapted to pot culture if adequate drainage is provided and excessive watering is avoided. My MANUAL gives details of pot culture and many additional suggestions on out of door culture of ARILS—a new gardening adventure.

**SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES:** Aril rhizomes are best shipped in the late summer or fall, in a dry condition. But order what you want NOW, by Air Mail, before supplies are exhausted. When you receive your precious ARILS store them in a dry place until planting time. Plant in the fall, and not before October 1, unless sprouting occurs earlier. They may be left in the bag of vermiculite in which they arrive but are better stored in dry sand. Avoid early fall planting, as this encourages undesirable fall and winter leaf growth. Aril rhizomes are naturally dry and bulb-like. The rhizomes of most Arils are not large—neither are diamonds. Aril flowers vary greatly in size from some of the small, dainty Regelias to certain of the Oncos, which are immense.

### GATESII

*This is the king! a giant of renown  
With broad, bronze beard, and with a turbaned head  
Where ruffled standards rig a royal crown;  
Their silver depths and violet dots are wed.  
The violet netted falls are olive cream . . .  
In all, Gatesii is a teasing dream.  
Hail, gay Gatesii! from this lineage came  
The mighty Mohrs, the charming Lady Mohr—  
A signal beauty setting hearts a-flame!  
And, from this great king, much is yet in store.  
When these Gatesii hybrids are unfurled  
It is the monarch of a magic world.*

—George Nicholas Rees

HAYNEI—Huge Onco—\$5.95, page 6

GATESII (Onco)—Coveted by every hybridizer—\$2.95

### SECRET VARIETY CLUES

This year there are 11 Arils as Secret Varieties. I have done this purposely for 1956 as one of several anniversary means of introducing Arils to thousands of people who have never before tried them. When you can get two for the price of one (see page 37) and most Arils (especially the Regelias and Oncogelias) are so inexpensive anyway, you can readily try out enough different varieties to get a splendid sample of their varying exotic beauty. You will attract visitors for miles around, and once you try them, you'll be back every year for more!

Better start hunting NOW for those 11 secret words, somewhere on pages 4 to 9, each with only the last letter capitalized. Never was Iris ordering so fascinating, and so economical!

### 10th ANNIVERSARY FEATURE OFFERINGS

True ONCOS the elite and most sought of all Iris, at unheard-of LOW PRICES. Species that recently sold for \$3.25 to \$35.00, now priced for this great special, at \$1.25 to \$3.50. Imagine Nazarena at \$3.50, Gatesii at \$2.95, Susiana at \$1.95, Atropurpurea at \$1.50 and pure Onco Hybrids priced from \$1.25 to \$3.50! And others too. NOW you can order a whole collection of REAL ONCOS. Regelias and Oncogelias are now available by the dozen.

THIS, then, is my anniversary paradise for hybridizers and seekers of the unusual. See the next 5 pages.

### ALL-INCLUSIVE ARIL COLLECTIONS

Now, for the first time in my 10 years of cataloging Arils, my stocks are large enough so that I can offer comprehensive money-saving Aril Collections that even include true Oncos. This, then, is the opportunity of the decade! Don't pass it up. I have arranged enticing Aril collections for beginners as well as the most advanced experts in hybridizing.

**BEGINNER'S ARILS**—ONCOS: Susiana and Sari; ONCOGELIAS: Andromache and Thor; REGELIAS: Hoogiana and Stoloniifera leichtlini. All 6 for only **\$4.50**

**HYBRIDIZER'S ARILS**—ONCOS: Gatesii and Susiana; ONCOGELIAS: Charon and Theseus; REGELIAS: Blue Joy and Orestes. All 6 for only **\$7.95**

**IRISARIAN'S ARILS**—ONCOS: Nazarena and Gatesii; ONCOGELIAS: Agatha and Luna; REGELIAS: Lucia and Korolkowi Pink. All 6 for only **\$10.95**

### COMING SOON—TRUE ONCO HYBRIDS

I have nearly ready for introduction the world's first series of named pure *Oncocyclis* hybrids containing nothing but Onco blood. Just as modern hybrid Tall Bearded Iris are greatly improved from the original native forms from which they have descended, these superb new Onco hybrids surpass in both color and form any of the wild species imported from the Near East. I have 4" x 5" Ektachromes of a number of them and hope to be able to show them to you in the glory of full color in this catalog before long. Some of their unnamed sister seedlings are available this year. See next page.

**REFERENCES:** See my write-up of "Suggested Judging Standards for Arils and Arilbreds" in Bul. 130, American Iris Society, July 1953. Or better yet, send 50c to the American Iris Society, 3902 Hillsboro Road, Nashville 12, Tennessee, for a copy of the new "Handbook for Judges," covering all types of Iris.

This is World Headquarters for ARILS, and other UNUSUAL IRIS.



No Need for Summer Watering

# Your IRIS FAIRYLAND

The ONCOS, REGELIAS and ONCOGELIAS, pages 4 to 9  
The Iris That Seem To Have Come From a Fairytale

## Famed **ONCOCYCLUS** Orchid-Iris of Palestine

**AUTHENTICITY:** In view of recent incorrect use of the term "Onco," I must emphasize that these are the GENUINE PURE ONCO SPECIES—not hybrids with other Iris containing only a portion of Onco blood, such as are sometimes falsely offered as "Oncos" to the unsuspecting. So if you want real Oncos, make SURE that is what you get. Most are EXCLUSIVE OFFERINGS not elsewhere available on this continent.

**USES:** Since a number of the Oncos have gigantic globular flowers of striking form and coloring, they are the most sensational of all ARILS, and all Iris, for garden features, indoor decoration, flower shows and hybridizing. **NATIVE HABITAT, IMPORTATION AND HYBRIDIZING:** In the three centuries since the landing of the Pilgrims, the Western World has never had an opportunity to become acquainted with the wealth of diverse and fascinating species of **Onco** species Iris that occur in various parts of PALESTINE and surrounding countries. Recent Bulletins of the American Iris Society (particularly Jan. '51) point strongly to the rapidly spreading interest in hybridizing Oncos and their derivatives. Even today, most hybridizers do not have available any appreciable number of true Onco species, and have to work largely through William Mohr and other Oncobreders in their attempts to secure the Onco characteristics so much desired. Thus they leave to us, the adventurous of the clan, the real thrills of making various FRESH starts by crossing many different Onco species DIRECTLY with the finest of today's Tall Bearded Iris—varieties so superb that they were hardly even dreamed of way back in 1925 when William Mohr was created. Consequently, I have devoted much time and effort, and no little expense, to DIRECT AIR IMPORTATION of all possible true Onco species. My collection has reached over 30 species. See my Manual (pages 35 and 36) for many suggestions on hybridizing with Oncos.

**CULTURE:** Oncos are the most exacting of Arils in requiring the treatment outlined on page 4, but are most rewarding of all when properly grown. No other Iris have the appeal of true Oncos.

## For MARCH-APRIL-MAY BLOOM

### SEASON GUIDE TO TRUE ONCOS

For EARLIEST Bloom Try: Atropurpurea, Nazarena and Susiana. All 3 for only \$5.50  
For LATEST Bloom Try: Gatesii and Sari. Both for only \$3.95

### COLOR GUIDE TO TRUE ONCOS

SILVERY OLIVE-CREAM: Gatesii and Sari. Both for \$3.95  
CHOCOLATE-DOTTED BITONES and BICOLORS: Susiana and Nazarena. Both for only \$4.95  
DARK CRIMSON BICOLORS and SELFS: Paradoxa and Atropurpurea. Both for only \$5.50  
PURPLE TO NEARLY BLACK: Haynei and Nigricans. Both for only \$10.50

## GATESII (Monarch Iris) EM to LM-24" Reduced to \$2.95

- |                                      |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 for \$5.75, with 1 Parisiana FREE  | See Hybridizer's Opportunity Below |
| 3 for \$7.95, with 2 Parisiana FREE  |                                    |
| 6 for \$14.95, with 6 Parisiana FREE |                                    |

(This last is the one you really need for breeding)

I am able at last, after years of effort, to offer this renowned rarity that is today the most sought of all Oncos. It has been wholly unavailable in this country for the past 25 years, since the time when the famous Onco-bred "William Mohr" was produced. I had expected to have to charge \$35.00 for Gatesii when I first imported it, but unexpectedly favorable conditions make it possible for me to offer it this year way below even the \$7.95 price at which I offered it in 1954.

Dykates states that with the possible exception of some Japanese Hybrids, Gatesii produces larger flowers than those of any other Iris. I find it considerably larger than the giant Susiana. A symphony of color, with silvery standards lined and dotted soft violet; falls olive cream finely netted and dotted in violet. Beard purplish bronze, very broad and diffuse, the largest found in any Iris, sometimes 1½" wide and 3" long, occasionally extending half way down the immense falls. I find that the form, color, beard, etc., are quite variable, as is customary with wild species. Many interesting types are expected in this new stock which is largely freshly imported, and hence as yet unbloomed in this country.

Native in the mountains of Turkey, much farther north than most Oncos, so is hardier, easier to grow. While the usual height is somewhat less, some of the plants of my strain of Gatesii have grown to a height of 33", which is most remarkable for any Onco.

Probably latest bloomer of Oncos, coinciding with early and midseason Tall Bearded, a condition that makes it ideal for both ambitious hybridizers and exhibitors. At any show it will be the center of attraction; not one flower lover in a million has ever seen Gatesii.

From the hybridizer's viewpoint Gatesii is wholly unsurpassed. My natural-color Ektachrome shows clearly the extremely broad standards and falls, often over 4" wide. The hafts in front of the style crests are usually a full 3" wide, sometimes more. There has never been a Tall Bearded Iris that can even approach this as most of the latest introductions do well to reach 2" in width of haft. It is the dream of every hybridist to transfer this superb form to a tall vigorous new Oncobred with beautiful Onco veining and large bold signal patch. Why not be the first to accomplish this? We all start together, now that Gatesii is available again. A great seed-setter; produces quantities of pollen. I suggest Air Mail for all orders for Gatesii, as you would not want your order to reach me after my stock is all sold.

**HYBRIDIZERS' OPPORTUNITY:** As every hybridizer knows, the whole far-flung Mohr family of fascinating hybrids springs from the world-famous William Mohr. This came from the diploid Tall Bearded variety Parisiana x the Onco GATESII. While in time it may be found that many diploid and tetraploid bearded Iris will cross with Gatesii, such crosses are likely to be difficult, and the quickest approach is to start with the cross that has been found to succeed, and that resulted in William Mohr. This one hybrid does not begin to tap the untold possibilities from this most promising of all crosses of Bearded Iris and Oncos. William Mohr is nearly sterile, and if some enterprising hybridizer succeeds in creating an Oncobred like William Mohr but highly fertile, it will expedite future Oncobred breeding tremendously. Already I have one young seedling of this same cross. I want hybridizers everywhere to have Parisiana to use with Gatesii, so I make the offers above. Now hybridizers throughout the world who have been wishing for years for the opportunity to repeat this most famous of all Iris crosses, can at last realize this ambition. Parisiana is not offered by itself this year, in order that I may conserve my limited stock for this special combination offer. Obviously, the time to order is NOW.



NAZARENA—The Onco Supreme—\$3.50

## NAZARENA (Nazareth Iris) VE-12" \$3.50; 3 for \$9.55

The one supreme Onco, my favorite of them all. Hence I have photographed it in natural color and show it to you above. The esteem with which I regard this particular species may be judged, in part, from the fact that as recently as 1954 I catalogued NAZARENA at \$35.00. Since then I have been exceedingly fortunate in getting in a fairly good stock of this rare species that is nearly extinct in the wilds. It gives me the greatest satisfaction to be in a position so that I can, for this year, a least, drop the price to only a tenth of what it was, and thus bring it within the reach of nearly all Onco enthusiasts. It is easily worn several times this new low price to any hybridizer, or to anyone seeking the ultimate in UNUSUAL beauty. It sends out long runners and is said to be the only stoloniferous Onco.

An absolutely stunning bicolor. Standards nicely cupped, glorious silvery lilac-white, with a network of fine violet veins and dots. Falls exceedingly broad, up to 3" wide at the haft, colored silvery buff-yellow, heavily covered with embossed chocolate dots, well raised above the surface. No Tall Bearded Iris has a petal texture that even faintly resembles this remarkably decorative effect. Thus Nazarena presents an intriguing challenge to all breeders to transfer this stunning feature to tall well-branched Oncobreds. I expect to catalog these in due time—and I wonder whose name will follow that of the new hybrids. Will it be yours? Also, since the falls have such a distinct yellow cast, I foresee that this may prove more effective than Susiana in producing that clear yellow with "Lady Mohr" form, of which so many have dreamed. Pollen plentiful.

## \*\*\*\*\* TRUE ONCO HYBRIDS \*\*\*\*\*

Unlike some "Onco Hybrids" offered, these are true crosses of different Onco species with each other—not hybrids with other Iris containing only a portion of Onco blood. By means of this offer I share with you my choice ONCO breeding material, on which I am still working. These particular hybrids are offered at very moderate prices as they have not yet reached the stage of perfection that I require for naming and introduction. They are, however, entrancing in themselves and infinitely valuable to hybridizers. Colors and patterns are widely variable in different seedlings, from silver and grey, through maroon, buff, white, purple, wine-red, cream, lilac and mahogany. Most are strongly veined or dotted, and have prominent signal patches in true Onco fashion. Not yet available by specific colors, but if 3 or 5 are ordered I will take pains to have them just as different as possible. To get a fairly complete sampling of my Onco breeding material, order two groups of 5 of the Finest and I will see that all 10 are distinct and different.

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| <b>FINEST OF ALL</b> .....        | \$3.50; 3 for \$6.95; 5 for \$10.00 |
| <b>EXTRA CHOICE HYBRIDS</b> ..... | \$2.50; 3 for \$4.95; 5 for \$7.95  |
| <b>VERY GOOD HYBRIDS</b> .....    | \$1.50; 3 for \$2.95; 5 for \$4.95  |
| <b>GOOD HYBRIDS</b> .....         | \$1.25; 3 for \$2.45; 5 for \$3.95  |

**INTRODUCTORY SUPER SPECIAL:** 6 different true ONCO HYBRIDS of assorted grades, including 3 of the Finest, for only.....\$9.50

(An exciting collection and a marvelous bargain! And to make it even more exciting, I'll include, as an extra, your choice of Susiana, Sari or Atropurpurea.)

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True Oncos Continued on Page 6.

This year, for the first time in history, Gatesii is priced within the reach of every Iris lover!





**SUSIANA—Famous Onco—\$1.95; 3 for \$4.95**

#### True Oncocylus Iris Continued

**ATROPURPUREA** (Crimson-Black Iris) EE-12" One of the reddest Oncos I list. Standards uniform **blackish crimson**; falls **crimson black**, with large velvety jet-black signal. A smooth, deep coloring, not noticeably veined or dotted. Beard yellow, as is the area under it. One of the parents of Isolda and of other interesting hybrids. Try crossing it with Regalias or Bearded Iris. A bold, distinctive Iris, sure to command attention. Blooms in March in the wilds near Gaza, where Samson is credited with destroying the temple and burying the multitude. **\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35**

**HAYNEI** (Hayne's Iris) E-15" An enormous, richly colored beauty from Mt. Gilboa, north of Jerusalem. Standards arched and gently waved, **bright light mulberry**. Falls bronzy **crimson-black**, with prominent intense **mahogany-black** signal. Pollen exceptionally abundant. A heavy seed setter. Sets readily when crossed with various Oncos; occasionally when crossed with Regalias or Bearded Iris. Now's your chance!.... **\$5.95**

**NIGRICANS** (Black Iris) E-12" Of all Oncos I have bloomed, this has attracted the most attention. Everyone tells his neighbor; it is not long before they appear, saying: "We heard you have a **black Iris**; may we see it?" As yet no **Tall Bearded Iris** can compete with the **Black Iris** for sheer blackness; but after seeing this, one can visualize a tall, graceful "Lady Mohr" in stunning ebony-black. Will you be the one to produce it? Pollen is plentiful. I have gotten as many as 46 seeds to a pod. Standards violet-black, brightening to a glossy red-purple at center; falls dark violet-black, with a **conspicuous large black signal patch**, the **blackest I have ever seen in any flower**. Beard bronzy-black. Blooms in April in its native home in the Moab district of Trans-Jordan, east of the Dead Sea. **\$6.95**

**PARADOXA** (Velvet Iris) This is probably the first American catalog offering of this much desired and strangest of all Oncocylus species. The very name "Paradoxa" means "The Unexpected." When you see it you'll have to revise all of your previous conceptions of what Oncos look like. This one is utterly different!

Imagine, if you can, comparatively large, round **erect** white standards, sharply veined; and strap-shaped falls **extended horizontally**, having a light crimson or purple ground **almost completely covered with a violet-black beard**. The falls have an appearance closely resembling black velvet, hence the common name "Velvet Iris." Used many years ago in England and Holland in producing Oncobreds and Oncogelias, all of which seem to carry this very unique, heavy velvety beard. It's time we began using it in this country. Untold possibilities lie directly ahead!

My stock was collected for me last summer in the extreme eastern Turkish territory, very close to the Persian border, and at an elevation of over 6,500 feet. Thus there can be no question about the hardness of these rhizomes and their ability to withstand cold. **\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95**

**SARI** (Lupina) Wolf's Ear Iris VE to L-12" This and Gatesii are the only Oncos with a **strong greenish tint**. Falls silvery cream, heavily washed with light yellowish green. Unlike all other Oncos, the broad beard is light yellowish-green, and there is a **very prominent maroon signal spot in the very center of each fall**, lower down than in most Oncos. Style arms, distinctly greenish and to the highly unique effect. Standards silvery cream, heavily flushed soft maroon. Somewhat variable in coloring, like other wild species. Leaves sharply **curved**, in ram's-horn fashion. Offers exciting possibilities for hybridizers, particularly as it possesses the extreme cold hardness of true Alpines, and comes from a northern latitude, the mountains of Turkey. **Longest blooming season of any Onco**; starts among the first and continues to the very end. Rhizomes quite small.... **\$1.25; 3 for \$3.45**

**SUSIANA — (Mourning Bride)** This amazing Iris from the Holy Land has been a sensation wherever seen. It is enchanting, wondrous, may always be counted on to bring forth exclamations of amazement and delight. The flower is simply enormous. Startling effect is of a marvelous color symphony in silvery white and black. An abundant producer of pollen. One of the parents of Luna and Fair Enough. Quite hardy, but may need some protection in coldest areas. If you can't make your neighbors Oh! and Ah! with this, they're hopeless. The enormous demand I've had for Susiana has almost exhausted all available stocks both in this country and abroad. I have a few hundred available for early orders but cannot tell at this early date if I will be able to import enough to last all through the season. Many hundreds of my customers ordered Susiana too late last year after my supply was exhausted. For exhibition purposes Susiana is superb. I sent it to my friend Fisher Harris in Salt Lake City, in the region where cattle died of cold and snow. Susiana was grown out of doors. In spite of very severe winter, it bloomed finely. He entered it in the Utah Iris Society's show. I quote below from his report, plus comments of other enthusiasts..... **\$1.95; 3 for \$4.95; 6 for \$9.75**

"It is an understatement to say that Susiana 'stole the show.' We had several thousand visitors, no more than a dozen of whom had ever seen Susiana or any other pure Onco. The result was that she not only stole the show, but, at times and almost literally stopped it, for—though she was placed next to the Queen (for which title she was not eligible)—no one saw the poor Queen. Instead, the aisle was blocked by those delighted and astonished at the exotic beauty of the almost incredible Susiana. Believe it or not, she was a full seven inches in diameter." Fisher Harris, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"I planted Susiana and it was beside the front porch and the temperature was 18° below about one foot above it, and it bloomed. I got such a thrill I made my mind up to have some more. I call it the jewel of my garden." Mrs. G. R. White, Farmington, Michigan.

"I have wonderful luck using Susiana as a house plant." Mrs. J. C. Allison, Waddington, New York.

"I was very pleased with the Iris I received last fall. Susiana was planted outside and had a lovely bloom this spring—was the talk of the country." Mrs. F. Foote, Duncan, British Columbia.

#### TRUE ONCO COLLECTIONS

My 10th Anniversary celebration gives YOU the opportunity of a lifetime to acquire a whole COLLECTION of genuine ONCOCYLUS Iris at a mere fraction of what they have recently cost. I advise Air Mail for all orders for these collections, to get your order in before my supply is exhausted.

**BACKYARD ONCOS**—Susiana, Sari and Onco Hybrid. All 3 for..... **\$3.50**

**BREEDER'S CHOICE ONCOS**—Gatesii, Susiana and Extra Choice Onco Hybrid. All 3 for **\$5.95**

**ADVANCED HYBRIDIZER'S ONCOS**—Nazarena, Gatesii, Paradoxa and Finest Onco Hybrid. All 4 for..... **\$11.95**

**WIDE ONCO ASSORTMENT**—Atropurpurea, Gatesii, Haynei, Nazarena, Nigricans, Paradoxa, Sari and Susiana. All 8 for..... **\$20.95**

"I thought you might be interested in a report on the fine rhizome of Gatesii which I ordered last fall. It developed 7 fans during the winter and presented me with four perfect blossoms in April. One of the blossoms was open in time for the Dallas Iris Show."—Maude T. Gray, Dallas 32, Texas.

"Last fall I planted, after digging in some time, out in the open, on ground gently sloping eastward, Susiana, Andromache, Parthenope, Hermione, Teucros, Thor, Artemis, Lucia, Vulcanus, Korolkowi and Hoogiana. Almost all bloomed this spring. I have crosses, and plump seed pods on Hoogiana X Ruby Glow; Lucia X Toutsant L'Overture; Vulcanus X Black Hawk; Artemis X Present; Parthenope X Yarkand and Hermione X Present. We had a 25° below zero here last winter. All my young fruit trees were killed but these Iris plants came through, no protection at all." Mrs. Adam Todd, Denver, Colorado.

#### WILL NEXT YEAR'S CATALOG BE DIFFERENT ?

Quite often people ask me that question, and how it amazes me! If they only knew that I spend over three months out of each year preparing the new catalog they would not be wondering. But how are they to know? Let me assure YOU, even at this early date (January, 1956) that my catalog for 1957 will be substantially different from this one, just as our catalogs have been different for the past ten years. Just compare this year's catalog with last year's and you will doubtless find hundreds of ways in which this one is different. For 1957 there will be interesting new Onco and Tall Bearded color plates, a great many new varieties, new collections and offers of various types to give you the most for the money.

How do you stay on my mailing list and get the new catalogs regularly as issued? All you have to do is to order from my catalogs as they are received from year to year. This keeps your card in my active Customer File, and each time you order you get the next catalog automatically, without request, and without the usual 25c charge.

#### NOW Is The Time

If there are any varieties that you especially desire you should order them THIS year. Don't wait and expect to get them next year. Frequently these extra choice items sell out completely, and I have to leave them out of the catalog for several years until I build back my stocks.

#### NATURE IS VARIABLE

Mother Nature is very variable and Iris varieties differ greatly in the way the rhizomes grow. Some become huge, some large, some only medium. Also, rhizomes increase in size all summer, so in July they will not be as large as in September. The Dwarfs obviously are tiny and always have small rhizomes. Likewise certain of the Intermediate, Border and Table Iris, and the lower-growing Autumn Bloomers, Oncobreds and Regeliabreds naturally produce fairly small rhizomes. I always send you first class rhizomes that are large and husky considering the type of Iris and the time when sent.

#### 96 HYBRIDIZERS and Their 800 CREATIONS

For those interested in really comprehensive listings by hybridizers, I will send free on request, with any order of \$35.00 or more, a full typewritten list of the 96 hybridizers represented in this catalog, and the varieties that each originated—a total of about 800 different kinds. A most useful compilation for all studying the origin of modern Iris.



# The Hardy **REGELIAS** of Turkestan

These, Too, Are **ARILS**, but Very Different from Oncos and Oncogelias

**ORIGIN:** While botanically very close to the Oncos, and requiring much the same culture, Regelias are of very different appearance. In place of the magnificence of the Oncos, we have here characters of elegance and refinement that admirably fit these flowers for distinctive flower arrangements, novel bouquets and simply stunning corsages. Unlike any other Iris, Regelias have beards on BOTH standards and falls.

**HYBRIDIZING:** A tempting field for new hybridizers is to try crossing various Regelias with Susiana, Gatsesi, Nigricans, and other Oncos. Such hybridizing may easily be pioneering and exploratory, for many highly promising combinations have never been tried. My Manual (pages 36 and 37) gives various additional suggestions. The time to start is NOW.

**NATIVE HABITATS:** Turkestan and the western slopes of the lofty Himalayas.

**CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING AND PLANTING:** General information given for Arils on page 4 is applicable. But as these originate at higher elevations and in more northern latitudes than the Oncos, they are less exacting, and in some sections require no special care. Easily grown throughout the U.S. except in Florida and near Gulf of Mexico.

**HYBRIDS WITH DECORATIVE BEARDS:** Even more thrill-producing than the exotic Regelia species themselves are the rare hybrids of different Regelias: **Hoogiana Bronze Beauty**, **Lucia**, **Orestes** and **Vulcanus**. Outstanding for their colorful decorative beards, unlike those found in any other Iris. Try crosses aimed to transfer these unique beards to other types of Iris. See "Decorative Beards" in my Manual, page 23.

## For APRIL-MAY Bloom - Season Guide to Regelias

For **EARLIEST Bloom** Try: Korolkowi Brown & Green, Orestes & Stolonifera Leichtlini. All 3 for \$2.95  
For **LATEST Bloom**, and for varieties most likely to bloom at Iris show time, try: Lucia, Hoogiana Purpurea and Late Amethyst. All 3 for \$3.65

### COLOR GUIDE TO REGELIAS

**PINK and RED TONES:** Korolkowi Pink, Lucia & Vulcanus. All 3 for \$4.20

**WHITE and CONTRASTING MAHOGANY:** Decorated Delight, Decorated Giant & Korolkowi Brown & Green. All 3 for \$5.60

**DEEP RUSTIC BROWN:** Orestes and Stolonifera Leichtlini. Both for \$2.00

**PLEASING BLENDS:** Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, Real Harmony, Stolonifera & Stolonifera Conical, for \$3.90

**BLUE and LILAC:** Blue Joy, Hoogiana and Late Amethyst. All 3 for \$2.95

**VIOLET AND PURPLE:** Hoogiana Purpurea and Korolkowi Violaecae. Both for \$1.65

### MY 1956 INTRODUCTION

**REAL HARMONY** E-18" A selected form of Stolonifera that has the smoothest, most harmonious coloring of them all. Standards soft amethyst, changing to russet at edges. Falls **velvety bronzy crimson**, harmoniously blended to tawny brown at edges. Style arms bright heliotrope, striking. Petals much **wider and rounder** than in any other form of Stolonifera; hence of particular interest to the many who are now hybridizing Arils. .... \$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$5.95

**BLUE JOY** E-18" Formerly called Hoogiana Improved this is a choice variant of Hoogiana improved in color and form. Uniform light blue, with almost none of the lavender so prominent in usual forms. Falls wider, more flaring, giving character to the bloom. Very heavy seed setter in crosses. .... \$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

**DECORATED DELIGHT** E-20" One of the most fascinating of the forms of Stolonifera. The one singled out and ordered more than any by our garden visitors. Unlike all other forms except Decorated Giant, this has **white standards, heavily bordered with decorative veinings of pure brown**. Falls bright rosy lavender, bordered and veined in brown. Striking and distinctive **white beard**. Dainty, beautifully ruffled flowers superb for corsages and arrangements. .... \$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95

**DECORATED GIANT** E-16" Very similar to the sensational Decorated Delight, but **nearly twice as large** and even more attractive. Standards **amethyst-white**, bordered with a beautiful **rufous-chocolate edging** and sharp veining. Falls **velvety mahogany**, veined **dark crimson**, and highlighted with a bright lilac-rose signal. Beard very prominent, almost **pure white**, flanked by white hafts strongly veined in golden brown. Stunning! A super de luxe variant of Stolonifera. You need it in your crossing. .... \$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$7.95

4 forms of **KOROLKOWI**, left to right, **CONCOLOR**, **BROWN & GREEN**, **PINK and VIOLACEAE**. All but Concolor, 3 for \$3.75



4 forms of **HOOGIANA**, left to right, **PURPUREA**, **BRONZE BEAUTY**, **BLUE JOY**, **LATE AMETHYST** at bottom. All 4 for \$3.95

**HOOGIANA (Blue Regelia)** E-18" Pale lilac blue to Oxford blue like lustrous satin, set off by a bright golden beard. Recently discovered in isolated portions of Southern Turkestan, not far from the almost mythical Tibet. .... \$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25

**HOOGIANA BRONZE BEAUTY** E-24" Newest, largest and tallest of Regelias. The only distinct bicolor. Standards golden bronze veined in lavender. Falls long, narrow, dark wine-red, edged bronze. Beard cream, pointed. Gently waved. Utterly different! Heavy seed setter. [Hoogiana X Stolonifera] ..... \$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

**HOOGIANA PURPUREA** E-24" A rich, royal purple self, different from all others, with a deeper purple signal and a yellow beard. .... 75c ➤ 3 for \$1.80

**KOROLKOWI BROWN & GREEN** VE-E-18" Strangest of Regelias, giving one a feeling of the mystery of the Himalayas. Imagine flowers of **silvery white**, merging to maroon at base. Signal lustrous **dark chocolate** with a green iridescence. Beard brown. Beautifully veined in brown. .... \$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95

**KOROLKOWI PINK** VE-E-20" An exclusive offering available only at Rainbow Gardens. The pinkest and heaviest bloomer of Regelias. Standards and falls **creamy-pink**, with prominent maroon veins: a beautiful **lavender-blue beard**. Has pollen; a heavy seed-setter. .... \$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$4.50

**KOROLKOWI VIOLACEAE** VE-E-18" Rare variant, white ground heavily flushed and veined red-violet. Best seed setter of Regelias. More Oncogelias have descended from this than any other. Try crosses with Tall Bearded and Oncos. .... \$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

**LATE AMETHYST** EM-M-20" A selected form of the much-sought Hoogiana that blooms later than any other Regelia, in fact, with the early Tall Bearded, and often extending well into mid-season. Both flower lovers and hybridizers like this late-blooming habit. A large, lovely **clear amethyst blue**, flushed with **deep amethyst in the center of the falls**. Distinctive and appealing. Pollen plentiful. .... \$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$4.50

**LUCIA (Lu-ci'a)** E-20" Every spring the ladies go wild over this in my garden. A delightful pomegranate or wine red with the **most striking beard imaginable**—a gay, yet deep violet blue, the **bluest beard of any Iris**. Graceful flowers with narrow, erect standards, narrow down-hanging falls. A merry personality if there ever was one. Pollen bright green. Becoming scarce. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] ..... \$2.50

**ORESTES (O-res'tez)** VE to E-18" In mythology, Orestes was son of Clytemnestra, brother of Electra. Today it is a Regelia Hybrid milady can use most appropriately in a corsage, or by itself. A uniform **rich red-mahogany**, tastefully decorated with **brown beard**, high-lighted with bright violet iridescence. Gracefully frilled, waved, just right for decorating an evening gown. The earliest Regelia. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] ..... \$1.75

**STOLONIFERA (Runner Iris)** E-20" A memorable Iris of elongated form, frilled and waved. An indescribable blend of purplish rose, buff, set off by an electric blue beard. Its name is from its habit of increasing by stolons or runners. Sets seed. Pollen parent of 3 Regelia hybrids. Becoming scarce. .... \$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25

**STOLONIFERA CONICAL** E-20" A lovely bronzy lilac-pink. Coloring like Stolonifera and fascinating narrow, conical form of Korolkowi. Prominent soft blue beard. Appealing, useful for corsages and small flower arrangements. .... 75c ➤ 3 for \$1.80

**STOLONIFERA LEICHTLINI** E-20" Similar to typical species, but with deeper shadings of rustic brown, and more ruffled. Beard yellow. Seed parent of several Oncogelias. .... 75c ➤ 3 for \$1.80

**VULCANUS (Vul-can-us)** E-17" Named for the Greek God of fire, flame and volcanic eruption, this is a **bronzey scarlet tinted with crimson**. Beard **dark blue**. Thrives better under summer dampness than any other Regelia I have tried. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] ..... \$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

**FANCIER'S and HYBRIDIZER'S SPECIAL:** 5 of the very choicest: Korolkowi Pink, Decorated Delight, Orestes, Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, Late Amethyst for only. .... \$5.95  
**ECONOMIZER'S REGELIAS:** Hoogiana Purpurea, Stolonifera, Stolonifera Leichtlini, Hoogiana, Korolkowi Violaecae for only. .... \$3.50

Do you delight in solving mysteries and ferreting out secrets? See page 37.





# The Amazing **ONCOGELIAS**—Aril Hybrids

## From Crossing ONCOS With REGELIAS

**ORIGIN:** Let me introduce to you the new term ONCOGELIA, recently coined to more aptly and simply designate the marvelous family of **hardy** free-flowering hybrids resulting from crossing ONCOS with REGELIAS, and combining their good points. Heretofore these were termed **Regeliocyclius**. I now have over 30 kinds under test, and am doing much crossing to produce my own new strain.

**USES:** Nearly all are **practically unknown to American gardeners**. So they constitute one of the best answers to that ever-present question of what to get for yourself or a friend that will really be different. When cut in large bud stage flowers will develop fully in water. Imagine the sensation that an assortment of these will cause in your garden, or at your flower show.

**CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES:** Same as for Regelias, page 7.

**HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES:** There is **abundant opportunity here for the enterprising amateur hybridizer**, as true pinks, reds, yellows, etc., have not as yet been achieved and the field is wide open. Practically all of today's varieties, fine though they are, contain some infusion of lavender. Pure spectrum colors in this group would be a marvelous achievement.

**ORIGIN OF NAMES:** Many have been curious as to the origin of the names bestowed on these by their Dutch creators. Most are from the Greek, Roman and Norse mythology, as I explain below. Now you will have a feeling of informed confidence when a garden visitor asks the origin of a name.

### For **APRIL-MAY Bloom**—Season Guide to Oncogelias

For **EARLIEST Bloom** Try: Charon & Isolda. Both for \$3.25

For **VERY EARLY Bloom** Try: Andromache, Artemis and Luna. All 3 for \$2.95

For **LATEST Bloom**, and for varieties most likely to bloom at Iris show time, try: Teucros, Theseus and Ulysses. All 3 for \$3.50

### MY 1956 INTRODUCTIONS

**PERSIAN BRONZE (Austin '56) E-18"** An intriguing new Oncogelia of unique form and the **only one that is clearly intermediate between the Onco and Regelia types** in its ancestry. A beautiful bronze self, lightly flushed with lilac, and having a lacework of dark brown veins. An **Onco-like brownish-black signal patch** decorates each fall. While the pollen parent, the **Onco-cyclius species Aurantica**, is normally yellow, I find that it often throws lovely bronze seedlings, such as this, the most interesting one to date. Sets seed. [Teucros X Aurantica].....**\$5.00**  
**PERSIAN LACE**—In color on front cover; description on page 3.....**\$25.00**

### COLOR GUIDE TO ONCOGELIAS

**GOLDEN BRONZE:** Charon and Isolda. Both for \$3.25. (See also 1956 Introduction Persian Bronze)

**NEAREST TO PINK:** Teucros and Ulysses. Both for \$2.70. (See also 1956 Introduction Persian Lace)

**DEEP PINKISH ORCHID:** Hera, Luna and Theseus. All 3 for \$3.15

**REDDISH TONES:** Allegria, Eunice and Isis. All 3 for \$3.70

**HELIO-TROPE:** Andromache, Hebe and Oberon. All 3 for \$1.50

**RICHEST OF MULBERRY:** Artemis and Camilla. Both for \$1.25

**SILVER, SHARPLY VEINED:** Agatha, Homerus and Parthenope. All 3 for \$4.25

**WHITE, VIOLET AND MAROON:** Hermione, Nemesis and Thor. All 3 for \$2.65

**AGATHA E-20"** Named for a Sicilian virgin saint of the 3rd century, often invoked against the ancient storms. Her modern counterpart has silvery standards flushed helio-trope, veined in dark violet. Falls silvery white, with heavy violet-black veins sharply etched, and radiating from very **large triangular maroon-black signal patches**. The flower is so large and the signal so prominent, it reminds one of one of the finest true Oncos. Very outstanding!.....**\$2.50** ▶ **3 for \$4.95**

**ALLEGRIA E-15"** Probably the reddest of all Oncogelias and certainly one of the most striking and Onco-like. In fact, many of our visitors exclaim at the wonderful red "Onco" that they have found. While the parentage indicates that it contains Tall Bearded blood, its characteristics seem to be largely those of Oncogelias. This is my first offering of Allegria and I expect the stock to go very rapidly, as it will be new to my thousands of regular customers who already have all previously-listed Oncogelias. Order early. A beauty. [Artemis X Ricard].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50**

**ANDROMACHE—Famous Oncogelia—Only \$1.00**



**PERSIAN BRONZE—New for 1956!—\$5.00**

**ANDROMACHE (An-drom'a-ke) VE-20"** In Homer's Iliad, Andromache was the devoted wife of Hector. In the garden she is a princess clothed in **silvery white and violet**, with a soft lilac veil. Heavy decorative veining. Signal patch claret-black, very prominent, like an Onco. Style crests wine-red, effectively setting off the flower. Has pollen, sets seed. [Korolkowi Violaceae X Mariae].....**In color below... \$1.00** ▶ **3 for \$2.25**

**ARTEMIS (Ar-te-mis) VE-20"** Named for the Greek Goddess of the Chase, known for healing and averting plagues. Today's namesake Iris will soothe your troubled thoughts and avert stagnation in any garden, for it is one of the **richest and deepest colored of all Oncogelias**. Ground silvery cream, almost entirely over-laid and veined in bright, yet dark carmine-violet. Effect heightened by a **heavy black beard** and a striking black signal patch. A vigorous easy-to-grow Oncogelia. Thrives better under summer dampness than any other Oncogelia. Apparently can be grown along with Bearded Iris in most well-drained gardens. [Korolkowi Violaceae X Mariae].....**\$1.00** ▶ **3 for \$2.25**

**CAMILLA VE-11"** A swift-footed virgin in Virgil's Aeneid; may be seen adding a bright spot of color to your Oncogelia garden. Of low stature, with a small flower of exceptionally brilliant purple, with a prominent blackish signal. Style arms nearly red, sharply contrasting. Try this in a corsage.....**75c** ▶ **3 for \$1.80**

**CHARON (Kar'on) EE-16"** "Charon" is from ancient Greek mythology. Stands apart from most Oncogelias due to its **entrancing unique golden bronze tints and its extreme earliness**. Standards light buff, flushed dark crimson, impressively veined in mahogany. Falls golden buff, veined in dark reddish mahogany, with **large black-mahogany signal**. Flower glitters as if sprinkled with gold dust. One of the very finest for hybridizing. Pollen bright yellow, plentiful. [Korolkowi Concolor X Atropurpurea].....**In lifelike color on next page... \$2.00** ▶ **3 for \$3.25**

**DARDANUS EM-17"** Pinkish lavender and white veined maroon.....**60c**

**EUNICE E-14"** Eunice was a Jewess of Lystra, mentioned in the New Testament as the mother of Timothy. And now, by her name, we know Eunice, the Oncogelia. Nearly a self with pale **whitish pink** petals having numerous **fine dark red veins** and a **dark crimson signal** changing to nearly black in the center. In the sun the **petals sparkle as if dusted with silver**. Most distinctive and original of Oncogelias. Pollen blue, plentiful.....**\$1.50**

**HEBE VE-14"** Cupbearer of the gods on Olympus, crowned with flowers. Her namesake flower is among the first early Oncogelias to greet you in the spring. Her attire is light pinkish lavender, with deep maroon lacework, and a dark beauty spot.....**60c; 3 for \$1.50**

**HERA E-12"** A very colorful and distinctive Oncogelia in a class by itself, as it is **very different from all of the others**. Standards bright pinkish mulberry, flushed white in center with darker veins. Falls deeper, pinkish purple, veined darker. Beard narrow, purple at end changing to white inside. Petals ruffled. Most Oncogelias greatly resemble the Oncos but **this one shows more of the Regelia influence**.....**\$1.00** ▶ **3 for \$2.25**

**HERMIONE (Her-mi'o-ne) VE-22"** In Greek legend Hermione was the beautiful daughter of Menelaus and Helen, and was carried off by Orestes. Today, as she adorns your Oncogelia garden, she is the **tallest and one of the very largest**. Her coloring is soft, alluring. A novel bitone. Standards flushed silvery mulberry, intricately veined purplish black. Falls silvery white, with striking black signal patch, broad black beard, and heavy veins of very dark maroon. Very exotic and Onco-like, yet a vigorous grower; so is ideal for starting your Aril collection.....**\$1.50** ▶ **3 for \$3.35**

**HOMERUS (Ho-mehr'us) E-19"** Named for Homer, who wrote the Iliad and Odyssey before the 11th century B.C., this Oncogelia has pearl-grey blooms, flushed amethyst, with violet veins and with a **very black triangular signal**. Style crests reddish mahogany, beard very black. My first listing of this little-known variety.....**\$2.00**

"It may surprise and please you to know that the Irises 'Teucros' and 'Artemis' that I purchased from you are showing fresh green tips, after wintering through a severe winter of as low as 20° below zero." Mrs. Wm. Eckler, Mobawuk, N.Y.





**ISIS** (I'sis) E-14" For this name the Dutch creators turned to Roman mythology, where Isis was the universal mother of nature, mistress of all the elements, and ruler of the gods. When you meet her in the garden she'll be wearing a bright violet carmine blouse and skirt of light maroon, heavily overlaid on a buff ground. As ornaments, signal patches of blackish maroon, and, strangely, a black beard. Bright and colorful. You'll want her to adorn your garden. **AM Royal Hort. Society, England.....\$1.25 ➤ 3 for \$2.85**

**ISOLDA** EE-16" Named for "Isolde the Beautiful," heroine of medieval romance. Resembles Charon, which is illustrated, and like it, stands out from most Oncogelias due to its **entrancing golden bronze tints** and its **extreme earliness**. But Isolda is **larger**, has **broad**er, **more Onco-like falls**, and is much to be preferred, especially by hybridizers. But stocks are so very limited, this is the first time I have been able to list it since 1952; hence is likely to become sold out this season. I have been using it successfully as both a seed parent and a pollen parent. **Order early** to be sure to get yours. [Korolkowi Concolor X Atropurpurea].....**\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$6.95**

**LUNA** EE-18" This charmer named for Luna, Roman Goddess of the Moon. A favorite of visitors. Deep red-violet veins entrancingly etched on a smooth creamy ground, delightfully flushed with **pink** and lavender. Rich splash of purplish **black plush** in center of falls. Pollen green. Prized by hybridizers; **best seed setter of Oncogelias**. [Korolkowi Violaecae X Susiana]. **See in color**.....**\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95**

**NEMESIS** (Nem'-sis) E-16" A striking Oncogelia named for a Greek Goddess. A rare form seldom seen in this country. A **distinct bitone**, with standards deeper colored than the falls. Standards and style crests soft amethyst, veined in violet-black. Falls large, wide and long, **silvery white sharply veined in dark maroon**, with a **blackish-maroon signal**. First time offered!.....**\$1.50**

**OBERON** VE-E-7" The only really dwarf Oncogelia, named for Oberon, King of the Fairies in medieval folklore. Standards deep amethyst, veined red-violet. Falls nearly white, with heavy veins and signal patch of blackish maroon-purple. Beard black. Ideal for rock gardens, low edgings.....**60c ➤ 3 for \$1.50**

**PARTHENOPE** (Par-then'o-pe) VE-15" The mythical Parthenope, one of the three Sirens, charmed admirers with her songs. The charm of the modern Parthenope lies in her lace-like veil. She is one of my favorites, as here the decorative lace-work, so characteristic of most Oncogelias, is particularly pronounced, due to sharp contrast between the dark veins and the light ground color. Petals almost **pure white**, sparkling as if dusted with silver; **veins in dark mulberry and maroon**, sharp and clear. Signal patch black, changing to maroon. **Beard black**, anthers chartreuse. Heaviest bloomer of Oncogelias. A 2-year-old clump from 6 original plants had over **100 flowers**, almost a solid mass of bloom.....**\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35**

**PSYCHE** VE-15" Silvery-white, veined maroon, black signal.....**75c**

**TEUCROS** EM-18" One of the prettiest of Oncogelias and a **remarkable seed-setter**. Standards melting lilac-pink, with fine dark veins. Falls **glistening silvery white, flushed pink**, decorated with fine maroon veins and a stunning dark maroon signal. Beard maroon-black. Late for an Oncogelia. A wonderful parent; **seedparent of both of my 1956 Oncogelias, Persian Lace and Persian Bronze**. AM, Haarlem, Holland.....**\$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25**

**THOR** E-12" Distinctively colored. Standards whitish, heavily flushed and veined mulberry; falls silvery white, large maroon signal. Strange wide bronzy-grey beard.....**75c ➤ 3 for \$1.80**



**LUNA—Stunning Oncogelia—\$2.00**

**THESEUS** (The'sus) EM-21" In Greek mythology Theseus was the chief Attic hero, who conquered the Amazons and married their queen. Today, Theseus is among my favorite Oncogelias, as it is one of the largest, tallest and pinkest of them all. Standards **deep amethyst pink**, veined in dark mulberry. Falls similar, but with a silvery white border and a signal and beard in black. Yields fertile pollen. **Latest bloomer of all Oncogelias**, coinciding with the early and midseason Tall Bearded; hence timed right for exhibiting at most Iris shows. **See in life-like color below**.....**\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35**

**ULYSSES** (U-lis'ez) E-16" Ulysses is the Greek hero of the Odyssey, supposedly written by Homer about 1000 B.C. Now his name is taken by the **pinkest of Oncogelias**, one of the **very largest**. Not a true pink, as there are none yet, but much pinker than any heretofore available. Standards pleasing mallow pink with fine wine-red veins. Falls blended pink and white with fine maroon veins, **maroon-black signal, black beard**. **Lovely**. Excellent seed setter, plenty of pollen. **One that should not be overlooked in hybridizing with Oncogelias**. Blooms with early Tall Bearded facilitating hybridizing with them. F. C. C. Award, Haarlem.....**\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$4.95**

**TEMPTING ONCOGELIA COLLECTIONS**  
**EARLIEST TO LATEST:** Charon, Artemis, Teucros & Theseus for only.....**\$3.85**  
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**FULL RANGE ONCOGELIAS:** Carefully chosen to represent all patterns and colors available: Isis, Agatha, Camilla, Artemis & Parthenope for only.....**\$4.90**  
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# World's Only Complete and Up-to-date Listing

## The Twice-Blooming **AUTUMN BLOOMERS**

### Give YOU THE MOST For Your Money

**USES AND BLOOMING SEASON:** All through the long fall visitors keep asking us what we do to make our IRIS bloom again in the fall. It is not so much what we do, as the particular varieties we grow that have this inherent tendency. This is a rapidly evolving new class of Iris that gives you bloom TWICE a year at no higher cost than the usual once-bloomers. These bloom in the spring, and then give a repeat performance in the fall, the dates varying greatly with different varieties. A few are very new **FREQUENT BLOOMERS**, or **EVERBLOOMERS**, giving a display three or more times a year. Below are **54 varieties from 25 hybridizers** in 10 states, including Massachusetts, Illinois, Utah, Indiana, New York, Iowa, Tennessee and California.

**HEIGHT AND SIZE OF FLOWERS:** Not many years ago all of the fall bloomers were low-growing plants with small flowers. Now tall varieties, with flowers as large as Tall Bearded Iris are becoming available in various colors.

**CULTURE AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE AUTUMN BLOOM:** General culture same as for Tall Bearded, page 20. Fall bloom is naturally more regular in warm Southern gardens than in the North, but much depends on the care you give them. Full details in my Manual, but briefly the following is the special care, particularly important in the North, that helps bring on a second bloom. Plant in full sun, away from root competition. Use well prepared soil fertilized thoroughly and deeply. Keep plants adequately moist (but not too wet), and well weeded, all through late winter and spring. Try giving a short rest after spring flowering; then keep well watered to bring on the second bloom. Fertilize several times during the summer with liquid manure, or with complete chemical fertilizer dissolved in water. Transplant every year or two, as crowded plants seldom rebloom. In cold regions plant in a warm protected spot, perhaps close to the south side of a light colored building, where they will get as much warmth during cool fall days as your climate will provide. Probably surest way is to cut off flowering stalks in spring on part of plants as soon as stalks appear. That will stimulate growth of new rhizomes, which will often bloom about fall.

**HARDINESS, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES:** Same as for Tall Bearded, page 20.

## Bloom August to November and in Spring

### Guide to Time of SECOND Blooming

**SUMMER BLOOMERS:** Relatively few Bearded Iris bloom during the summer; so it is helpful in planning continuity of bloom to know which have the strongest inherent tendencies in this direction. These are those **Autumn Bloomers** that **start their second bloom early, in June, July or August.** These varieties are also ideal for the hybridizer aiming at **everblooming Iris.** Summer bloom is seldom as complete or heavy as spring bloom, but varieties vary greatly. I give below a list of 14 Autumn Bloomers that often bloom in summer. I use **bold type** to indicate those that have given me the heaviest summer bloom. (For Winter Bloomers see page 17).

All in this list are marked **+** in the following pages: August Waves, Autumn Delight, Autumn Elf, Barre Beauty, Autumn Twilight, Gibson Girl, Joseph's Mantle, July Beauty, Nappanee, October Shadows, Pink Lace, Sangreal, September Sparkler, Two-for-Ten.

**EARLY FALL BLOOMERS**—(Generally these are the best ones for Autumn bloom in cold climates, but also see note on next group): August Waves, Autumn Delight, Autumn Elf, Autumn Flame, Autumn Queen, Autumn Twilight, Barre Beauty, Blue Mascot, Ethel Peckham, Gibson Girl, July Beauty, Mononemie, Nappanee, Papoose, Potawatomi, Royal Command, Sangreal, September Sparkler, Two-for-Ten, Western Hills, Willow Warrior.

**MID FALL BLOOMERS**—(Those given in **bold type** have already proved to be dependable twice-bloomers in cold climates, such as Mass.): Autumn Sunset, Creamy Loveliness, Fall Frills, Halloween Night, Harvest Blue, Lady Moon, October Shadows, Polar King, Sally Ann.

**LATE FALL BLOOMERS**—(Give fine spring bloom almost everywhere, but best suited to mild climates where the bloom is longer): In my offerings in **WINTER BLOOMERS**, page 17: Autumn Orchid, Bengal Princess, Billet Doux, Buckhorn Brown, Carabella, Fair Enough, Fontana, Green Goddess, Joseph's Mantle, Mishawaka, Moon Goddess, Mount Timp, Pearl Oriental, Pink Lace, Thanksgiving Firelight, White Alone.

### COLOR GUIDE TO AUTUMNS

<b>FLAMINGO PINKS:</b> Carabella, Fall Frills & Pink Lace.....	All 3 for \$15.75
<b>OTHER PINKS:</b> Autumn Sunset, Autumn Twilight & Two-for-Ten.....	All 3 for \$3.75
<b>INEXPENSIVE REDS:</b> Autumn Flame, Ethel Peckham, Glowports, Royal Command.....	All 5 for \$3.25
<b>NEWER &amp; FINER REDS:</b> Joseph's Mantle, Nappanee, Potawatomi, Savage.....	All 4 for \$8.75
<b>APRICOT &amp; PINK BLENDS:</b> Mononemie and Thanksgiving Firelight.....	Both for \$2.65
<b>ORCHID &amp; CHESTNUT:</b> Bengal Princess, Billet Doux, Western Hills.....	All 3 for \$1.25
<b>SOFT AND BRIGHT YELLOWS:</b> Fontana, Golden Cataract, Halloween Night, Mishawaka, Sally Ann & Sangreal.....	All 6 for \$5.75
<b>YELLOW PLICATAS:</b> Mount Timp and Zulu Warrior.....	Both for \$20.15
<b>GREENISH TONES:</b> Autumn Elf, Bengal Princess, Green Goddess.....	All 3 for \$2.95
<b>LIGHT &amp; DARK BLUES:</b> Billet Doux, Blue Mascot, Fair Enough, Harvest Blue & July Beauty.....	All 5 for \$4.25
<b>VIOLETS &amp; DEEP PURPLES:</b> Autumn Orchid and Bishop's Velvet.....	Both for \$10.50
<b>ROSY MULBERRY:</b> Autumn Delight and Gersdorff-Sass Hybrid.....	Both for \$5.10
<b>MAUVE SELFS &amp; BITONES:</b> Barre Beauty, Moon Goddess, October Shadows, & September Sparkler.....	All 4 for \$4.95
<b>AMOENAS &amp; VARIETAGES:</b> August Waves & Papoose.....	Both for \$1.60
<b>WHITE PLICATAS:</b> Gibson Girl and Royal Band.....	Both for \$2.35
<b>WHITE &amp; CREAM:</b> Autumn Queen, Creamy Loveliness, Lady Moon, Pearl Oriental, Fair King & White Alone.....	All 6 for \$6.90

### MY 1956 INTRODUCTIONS

**FALL FRILLS** (Austin '56) 34" A light apricot-pink, large, luscious and frilly, with prominent red-tangerine beard. Nicely ruffled and with a delightful picoté (scalloped) edge to the petals. While perhaps not equal to the very newest and most expensive of the once-flowering Flamigos, it is a great advance and by far the best and most frilly of the twice-blooming Flamigos I have bloomed to date. About twice the size and ever so much finer and clearer colored than Pink Lace, which has been our most popular and reliable fall-blooming Flamingo pink. **Fine low branching.** A heavy bloomer and fast increaser. Its seed-parent Fuchsia often blooms in the fall, and with such a famous pollen parent as Paradise Pink, Fall Frills should be highly useful to breeders of both everbloomers and red-bearded pinks. Very precocious, first flowering only ten months after sowing the seed. [Fuchsia X Paradise Pink] ..... **\$15.00**

**AUTUMN ORCHID** (Austin '56) 36" An absolute self in bright rosy or magenta-violet, with prominent yellow beard. Nicely arched and domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Has one of the longest fall blooming periods of any Iris. Started its second or fall bloom late last October and bloomed for two full months. Branching simply superb; usually 6 branches per stalk, the lower ones 15" to 20" long and re-branched, even in the fall. With so many buds there are often 4 flowers open at once on each stalk. Should prove a boon to breeders of Autumn bloomers as very few have height and really good branching. Very fragrant. [(Christensen's Elmoor Seedling X King High) X Self] ..... **\$10.00**

**AUTUMN DELIGHT** (Austin '52) + 30" Most continuous, heaviest bloomer of our 80 varieties of fall bloomers. Standards light amethyst pink with silvery tone, arched, gently walled. Falls deep rosy mulberry. Blooms in spring, starts again in September (or earlier) and blooms for 6 to 8 weeks. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Not only a very heavy fall bloomer but also an oddity as it has an inconstant number of standards. While there are usually 3, occasionally there will be just 1 or 2. Delightfully fragrant, pollen abundant. ..... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**



**JOSEPH'S MANTLE**—Amazing Frequent Bloomer—\$1.50

### Percy Brown's MASSACHUSETTS BRED Fall Bloomers

Dr. Percy Brown has been breeding Autumn Blooming Iris in Massachusetts for the past twenty years. He has developed a whole series of splendid varieties that give bloom each year in fall in the rigorous climate of New England. Dr. Brown's varieties should give fall bloom in almost any state in the Union.

**AUGUST WAVES** (Brown '41) +22" A pretty neglecta. From Massachusetts comes this new variety that re-blooms from August to frost in cold climates or warm ones. Thus this is most welcome as Iris bloom is ordinarily at its lowest ebb in August. Standards pale blue. Falls flaring, rich violet. .... **\$1.25; 3 for \$2.85**

**AUTUMN ELF** +M-15" Re-bloomed repeatedly through summer and fall in originator's garden in Massachusetts. One of the best proven summer & fall bloomers for cold climates. Delightful flower with pale olive green standards, lavender falls with cream edge. Dainty, fragrant. HM-36 ..... **75c**

**AUTUMN TWILIGHT** (Brown '48) +L-32" My personal favorite of the Percy Brown persistent fall bloomers that we grow. Exceedingly colorful. Great numbers of large flowers with sparkling golden cream standards and bright orchid pink falls. Blooms with other Iris in the spring and then re-blooms heavily from August to November. Dependable fall bloomer even in cold climates. Lots of good pollen. A real find! ..... **\$2.75**

**Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 4, 1955.** "In the fall blooming Iris I have had almost continuous bloom from July 10th. Now AUTUMN TWILIGHT is in bloom, with OCTOBER SHADOWS to open soon, and more stalks coming on AUTUMN ELF. It has been quite a surprise to many visitors to walk in the yard and see Iris in bloom in midsummer." Earl Roberts.

**BARRE BEAUTY** (Brown '53) +24" Percy Brown tells us that Barre Beauty is his most reliable summer and fall bloomer to date. Should be able to repeat the performance in practically any of our colder states. A pleasing lilac bitone with standards pale lavender, falls pinkish amethyst with a white center and yellow haft. [September Sparkler X Unknown] ..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**HARVEST BLUE** (Brown '50) VL-24" Mr. Brown considers this one of the best of his fall blooming Iris. The closed standards and styles are medium lavender-blue, broad and full. The deeper blue falls flare widely. An extremely profuse fall bloomer that makes more of a mass display than any other variety I know of. Fragrant. Has good pollen. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**OCTOBER SHADOWS** (Brown '52) +E-134" Starts with a long spring blooming season; then re-blooms prolifically from July to October, thus approaching everblooming. Standards light silvery lilac flushed yellow. Falls lilac rose. Splendid stalk stalks with wide low branching and 12 flowers per stalk. Pollen plentiful; a very good seed setter. Enticingly fragrant. [September Sparkler X Autumn Sunset] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**SEPTEMBER SPARKLER** (Brown '53) +E-30" Blooms here in Spring and off and on from June to November. Approaches ever-blooming tendencies. Standards nicely cupped, pale elusive lavender with a golden halo at base. Falls deep blue lilac with striking maroon reticulations and yellow beard. Four-way branching starts near ground. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Sets seed easily; has good pollen. Pollen parent of most of Mr. Brown's fall bloomers. Top-notch for any hybridizer ..... **\$2.00**

**AUTUMN FLAME** 30" Fine for early fall bloom. Large, wine-red bitone with velvety falls. Grand. Fragrant. .... **\$1.00**

**AUTUMN QUEEN** (Sass) 8" Exceedingly popular. Sometimes everblooming. April to November. Very pure white, like dwarf Priscilla, white beard. .... **60c**

**AUTUMN SUNSET** 32" Bred from 2 Dykes winners. Light bronzy pink and crimson pink edged bronze. Very colorful. .... **75c**



**BENGAL PRINCESS** (Heller '48) 24" Heller states that in favorable climates will bloom 8 months out of the year. Standards ruffled yellow; glaucous chartreuse yellow marked with darker yellow and purple marbling. [Jean Siret X Sungold] ..... **\$1.50**

**BILLET DOUX** (Douglas '47) VE-22" A silvery blue with porcelain-like finish. Like a miniature Great Lakes, with erect poise and very flaring falls. A flower of very charming personality quite suited to flower arrangements. .... **\$1.00**

**BISHOP'S VELVET** (Heller '48) VE-40" A stunning tall twice-bloomer that will start your season with the Intermediates, 3 weeks before peak of Tall Bearded bloom, and then give you another bloom later in the year. Perhaps the most velvety Iris I grow. A self in richest of blackish rosy purples, with harmonizing blue beard, tipped in yellow. Not yet tested in East. [The Bishop X Sable] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**BLUE MASCOT** 4" One of a new race of superior Dwarfs. Very large flowers, yet only 4" high. Charming lilac-blue re-bloomer. [Reflection X Chamaeris] ..... **75c**

**BUCKTHORN BROWN** (Milliken '48) 36" The best of all bronze autumn bloomers! A ruffled and rippled light bronzy brown with elusive hints of blue and mauve in the strongly flaring falls. Style crests golden buff faintly streaked in green. Beard intense yellow. Good sized flowers on well branched stalks with about 8 buds. Fragrant. .... **\$1.50**

**CARABELLA** (DeForest '49) 36" The largest inexpensive Flamingo Pink that blooms in the spring and then again in the fall. A luscious light salmon pink with a large prominent orange-tangerine beard. HM'49 - [Melitta X Midwest Gem Sdg.] ..... **\$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25**

**CREAMY LOVELINESS** (Taylor '47) E-20" In warm climates this has bloomed in Apr., Aug., Oct. and Nov. A fine lemon cream; falls washed and dappled lavender. Pollen abundant. .... **\$1.00**

**ETHEL PECKHAM** - A striking dark red blooming in August and September, as well as spring. Reported from northern Idaho as blooming "as persistently as a Fuller Bush salesman." ..... **60c**

**FONTANA** (Heller '48) 40" A fine large twice-bloomer with stiffly flaring falls. Standards creamy yellow, falls ivory, sometimes appearing almost chartreuse and edged in pale yellow. [Yellow Sdg. X Oregon Sunshine] ..... **\$1.00**

### The 4 Best Inexpensive TWICE-BLOOMERS

You may have all 4 for only \$2.95

**FAIR ENOUGH** (White '35) E-L-38" One of the earliest of the large-flowered Iris to bloom in the spring; continues to bloom past all believing. Then in October, or November, it starts again and blooms till December and often January, if weather permits. Almost evergreen; leaves remain fully green and erect, undaunted by moderate cold. A beautiful light blue. One of the truest blues in the garden; not lavender or purple. In fact it is the only nearly pure blue fall bloomer that I have. Remarkable value at this price. [Purissima X Susiana] ..... **\$1.25**

**GIBSON GIRL** +M-36" Spring, summer and fall bloomer. Light pinkish mulberry and deep rose mulberry peppered on cream ground. Very large, outstanding, a wonderful floral value. Usually starts its second bloom in August and blooms on and on until cut down by heavy frosts. [Madame Louis Aureau X Tiffany] ..... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

**JULY BEAUTY** (Weed '43) +EM-28" One of the best both for bloom and for crossing for everblooms. Sometimes starts its fall bloom as early as July and may continue till Dec. Light lilac blue and deep amethyst. Stems heavily branched with up to 20 buds. Was one of the very outstanding varieties in our garden last fall. Reported as a fall bloomer in Massachusetts. .... **\$1.00**

**SANGREAL** (Sass '35) +EM-24" Approaches an everbloomer. After blooming normally in the spring, Sangreal gave me the heaviest summer bloom of any bearded Iris last summer. A large part of the rhizomes in a long row bloomed all thru Aug., with some fall bloom, too. Attractive light yellow self with deep yellow veins. .... **75c**

**GERSDORFF-SASS HYBRID** VE-28" The most unusual of all, colored like Dresden china. A combination not duplicated even in the multitude of spring bloomers. Standards smooth parchment, flushed mulberry. Falls mulberry-pink, overlaid on a parchment ground, and with a most striking lemon-yellow haft. .... **\$1.00**

**GLOWING AMBER** (Craig '53) A real break in Iris patterns and a real addition to my ever growing list of Autumn Bloomers. Tom Craig seems to have a way of bringing forth the most interesting and unusual combinations of color. Here the under color is golden amber over which burnt amber and sepia seem to be glazed in a smoky, radiating pattern. Surely unbeatable blood for those seeking rich colorings. HM'54 - [Joseph's Mantle X Rich Raiment] ..... **\$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.50**

**GLOWPORT** M-26" An intense, crimson red, almost a self. .... **60c**

**GOLDEN CATARACT** - Golden yellow, vivid orange beard. A heavy re-bloomer. **60c**

**GREEN GODDESS** (Weed '39) EE-4" Creamy white with pronounced greenish cast—in fact one of the greenest dwarfs that I list. Though a real midget, only 4" high, it has flowers among largest of Dwarfs, often over 4" across. An extremely heavy, persistent bloomer, not only flowering in the spring, but often also in fall, and even in winter where climate permits. .... **\$1.50**

**HALLOWEEN NIGHT** (Weed '43) 38" The one to get for tall festive sprays usually blooming just in time for a novel type of Halloween decorations. A bright lemon-yellow, veined in golden brown. Up to 17 flowers to a stalk. .... **\$1.00**

**HARVEST BLUE** - See red box of Massachusetts-bred fall bloomers. .... **\$1.50**

**JOSEPH'S MANTLE** (Craig '49) +EM-36" One of the new FREQUENT Bloomers from Tom Craig. He tells me this blooms with the early Iris, again with the late ones, still again in October or even mid-winter in mild climates. Often it blooms as heavily in October as does any Iris in spring. So colorful was named for "Joseph's coat of many colors." An immense flower in golden buff washed and striated red brown, with red brown stippling forming a margin to the falls. Tom Craig is an artist of renown. This creation of his makes one wonder if he has found a secret way of coloring his hybrids as he applies colors to his canvas. Joseph's Mantle will amaze and captivate you. [China Maid X Tiffany] X Mitchell Seedlings]. See my color photograph page 10. .... **\$1.50**

**JULY BEAUTY** - So fine, I feature it in a blue box. .... **\$1.00**

**LADY MOON** (Whiting '50) M-34" A large, superb new white. Out-shines all other white fall bloomers so far introduced. Among my 80 varieties of fall bloomers, I have no other white that compares with it for quality, size, general beauty. Comes closest I have to a fall blooming SNOW FLURRY. A true white, yet standards are distinctly a blue white, beautifully cupped, ruffled. Falls rather flaring, distinctly creamy or yellow-white with an ivory beard. Over 90% of rhizomes bloomed for me last fall. [Purissima X Matula] X White Goddess]. .... **\$1.50**

### Wise's INDIANA BRED Wakarusa Fall Bloomers

You may have all 4 for only \$5.95

Here are the first four of a new strain of hardy Tall Bearded autumn bloomers developed for cold climates by Charlie Wise in Indiana, as an offshoot of Greig Lapham's enterprising work in creating better reds and pinks. They have arisen strictly from Tall Bearded breeding lines and contain no Dwarfs or Intermediates in their ancestry. The flowers are large, of fine form and substance. They have heavy, low branched 34" to 38" stalks carrying 12 to 20 buds each. They bloom in the fall in Indiana for a period of six weeks, and new stalks are usually starting when freezing weather comes.

**MENOMINEE** (Wise '49) E-36" A ruffled and glistening pinkish buff, sparkling with gold dust in the sun. Standards golden buff, flushed pink. Falls soft rosy pink over a buff ground. Style crests buff yellow. Profuse pollen. Very fragrant. [Red Ray X Autumn Sunset] ..... **\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$4.50**

**MISHAWAKA** (Wise '49) M-34" A glistening yellow self with a deep orange yellow beard and deep gold veining at haft. Pleasingly fragrant. [Red Ray X Autumn Sunset] ..... **\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35**

**NAPPANEE** (Wise '49) + E-37" The heaviest bloomer of the group and also the tallest and brightest. In mid-September the stalks often reach a height of 40" or more. Over 90% of the rhizomes usually give fall bloom. Standards creamy pink flushed golden from the base. Falls bright crimson. A stunning flower for fall bouquets or for adding a mass of color to the fall gardens. Pollen plentiful. [Priority X Forerunner] ..... **\$3.00**

**POTAWATOMI** (Wise '49) LM-36" Standards light bronzy red becoming yellowish at base. Falls bronzy scarlet, velvety, glistening with gold crystals. Prominent yellow beard. Pollen exceedingly abundant. [Priority X (Wakarusa X Red Ray)] ..... **\$2.50**

**MOON GODDESS** (Craig '49) M-36" A large flower in strange cool greyed wistaria, so novel and interesting it was introduced at \$20. Invariably appeals to women with discriminating tastes in decoration, and has been found to be a perfect color companion for the new pinks. Has proved to be consistent twice-bloomer in originator's garden. [Advance Guard X Mit. No. 2-21 X S.B. Sdg.] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**MOUNT TIMP** - Extra large twice-bloomer. Dark rose standards; pale yellow falls strikingly edged mulberry. A dandy! ..... **75c**

**OCTOBER SHADOWS** - See red box of Massachusetts-bred fall bloomers. .... **\$2.00**

**PAPOOSE** E-6" Done in Indian Colors. One of most persistent bloomers of all dwarfs. Long spring bloom, plus 3 months fall bloom. Standards fawn & buff, flushed red from base. Falls mahogany red, edged buff. .... **75c**

**PEARL ORIENTAL** (Heller '48) 34" Standards pearls white with infusion of pink. Falls creamy white with a deeper infusion of pale buff pink. Beard prominent, light yellow, becoming brilliant red orange, brightening up center of flower. Petals glisten with pearly iridescence. Simply wonderful branching. Last fall every rhizome bloomed for me. Flowers develop splendidly from cut bud stalks. [Grecian Robe X E. B. Williamson] ..... **\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95**

**PINK LACE** (Sass '45)

+M-36" Outstanding

as a fall-blooming Flamingo pink, second only to Fall Frills & Fantasy. Among the best of earlier introductions. Only inexpensive one that blooms well in fall & spring. A real bargain at this low price. Flowers salmon pink with tangerine beard. Nicely formed, of medium size. Seed set last spring on Pink Lace using pollen of 5 tangerine-bearded pinks. Now you try it! [(Dore x Matula) x Flora Zenor]. See Ekta-chrome. .... **\$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25**

**POLAR KING** (Donahue '39) E to L-32" Most dependable for northern latitudes. I have records of its blooming in Massachusetts 5 falls in succession. Bloomed in our garden Sept. to Dec. A high quality pure white Iris, ideally branched, sometimes 4 flowers out at once. Very fragrant. Sure to please. AM'32 - [Moonlight x Dominion x ...] ..... **\$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25**

PINK LACE—Only \$1.00





# Quaint **REGELIABREDS**—For Charm

Most complete assemblage of Regelia-Bearded Hybrids in any Catalog

## For APRIL-MAY Bloom

SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES: Summer and fall. CULTURE and HARDINESS: Same as for Oncobreds, page 13.

### COLOR GUIDE TO REGELIABREDS

VARIATIONS OF YELLOW: Golden Butterfly, Lemon Silk, Safron Charm. All 3 for \$10.00  
LIGHT and DEEP BLUES: Ben Ahdem and Hoogiana. Both for \$1.75  
PURE and MARBLED WHITE: Benjamin and Spotless. Both for \$1.40  
RED-MAROON: Fallen Leaf \$1.00

**BENJAMIN** (Morris '50) VE-11" A very pretty and delightfully different coloring introduced from England that will appeal to all lovers of delicate and graceful effects. Petals cream-white with numerous fine veins in pale lime green, and a prominent green midrib in the standards. Falls marbled lilac and maroon, with yellow edging changing near hafts to striking yellowish olive areas. Standards as well as falls are bearded. [Stolonifera X Yellow Chamaeiris].....\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35  
**BEN AHDEM** (Morris '50) E-28" Very pretty, resembles its Regelia parent, Hoogiana, but deep lilac-blue; very much larger. Easy to grow. Flowers and increases with great freedom. [Hoogiana X Benton Daphne].....\$1.00  
**FALLEN LEAF** (Williamson-Gersdorff '31) E-16" A novelty Iris ideal for cutting and easily handled in the garden like Bearded Iris, yet which looks for all the world like a true Regelia. Pointed Regelia-like flowers with long narrow falls. Standards reddish wine; falls claret-maroon, becoming almost black around the decorative golden bronze beard. Slender graceful stems. [Korolkowi X Dwarf Bearded].....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75  
**GOLDEN BUTTERFLY** (Austin '54) E-20" The well-known grace and charm of true Regelias in a hardy hybrid that can be grown in any garden bed right along with regular Tall Bearded Iris. Very distinctive, as this and Lemon Silk (below) are the very first true Regelia-type flowers done in yellow colorings. There are no yellow Regelias. Comes from famous Ola Kaia x Hoogiana; has inherited the coloring from the seed parent and the form from the pollen parent, as may be seen in my color photograph. Also unique in that it is the first Iris introduced having a distinct white stripe down the center of each fall.....\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$13.50

**HOOGIANA** (Samuelson '47) E-36" Seed-parent; Hoogiana, is from Turkestan. Pollen-parent, San Francisco, was Dykes Medal winner in 1920. Both flowers and foliage strongly suggestive of Hoogiana, but on a much larger scale. A smooth delphinium blue. Leaf bases striking mulberry red—very beautiful.....\$1.50

**LEMON SILK** (Austin '54) EM-30" A lovely combination of clear lemon-yellow standards, tall, somewhat upright and closed, with creamy white falls having a tiny edging of yellow. Petals often faintly flushed rose lilac. Has much the same silky finish and texture as Hoogiana. Flower is 50% larger. Petals comparatively long, narrow, plainly showing Regelia in ancestry. Nicely branched, 7 or 8 flowers per stalk, often 3 out at once. Frequently several large buds are nearly ready to open at the same time; they are poised in an upright, well-spaced fashion like candles on a candelabrum. Pollen plentiful.....\$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$8.95

**SAFFRON CHARM** (Benbow '54) E-28" A flower so different even a novice can tell it is something out of the ordinary. Produced by crossing Stolonifera x a yellow Tall Bearded. Standards very ruffled, shimmering with bright saffron-yellow stitching, gradually blending to pale blue, giving a translucent effect. Falls lavender-blue blended with paler yellow, and have grey lines showing Regelia blood in ancestry. Bead grey, tipped lavender. Color effect is most intriguing. Stem branched carrying 5 to 7 flowers. Leaves intermediate between parents, remain green rather than dying back as does Stolonifera. Sets seed; very fertile pollen parent.....\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$13.50

**SPOTLESS** VE-18" From the wide cross of Hoogiana pollinated with the Dwarf Elf Queen has come this hardy, floriferous gem, dainty, almost like a white Hoogiana in form of flower, but larger and easier to grow. Fine for corsages. A highlight of the early Iris Garden.....2 for 95c; 5 for \$1.95

**NEWEST REGELIABREDS**—Any 2 of these 3 for only.....\$6.95  
Golden Butterfly, Lemon Silk or Safron Charm

**POPULAR REGELIABREDS**—Ben Ahdem, Benjamin, Fallen Leaf, Spotless...\$2.75

### Save With My AUTUMN BLOOMING Collections

**COLOR PLATES**—Joseph's Mantle, Sally Ann and Pink Lace, all 3 for \$4.75  
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**GOLDEN BUTTERFLY**—My New Regeliabred—\$6.00

**SALLY ANN**—Best Yellow Spring-Fall Bloomer—\$2.50

**POTAWATOMI**—See red box of Wakarusa fall bloomers.....\$2.50  
**RED RAY** (Lapham '37) EM-34" A pleasing red bitone with light red standards and dark crimson falls. Useful to hybridizers as it is known to produce re-bloomers. [Red Sails X Jerry].....\$1.00

**ROYAL BAND** (Craig '50) M-ML-34" Here we have the fall blooming counterpart of the famous Minnie Colquitt. The many who have raved over Minnie can now have this twice-blooming edition. Standards bright purple, flushed white. Falls pure white, with a very prominent purple edge and a purple center line. Nicely ruffled. Pollen plentiful. [Mme. L. Aureau X (Tiffany x Los Angeles)].....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

**ROYAL COMMAND** 30" Rich, dark velvety red bitone. Splendid large flowers. A persistent re-bloomer. [Persia X Sacher].....\$1.00

**SALLY ANN** (Smith '45) E to LM-34" Of all yellow fall bloomers I have tried, this has the largest flowers and the clearest color—3 beautiful even yellow, satiny in texture, sparkling in the sun as if dusted with gold. Under favorable conditions, nearly every rhizome blooms. One of the few large enough and good enough to hold its own in the spring. Also, I know no other Iris that can surpass the record of Sally Ann for 4½ weeks continuous spring bloom. Flowers often measure as large as 6" x 6". In mild climates, or in mild winters in moderately severe climates, often blooms through Jan. and Feb. as well as in spring and late fall. Very fragrant. Color photo above. [Kalinga X Jelloway].....\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$4.95

**SANGREAL**—Often nearly everblooming. See blue box. Only.....75c

**SAVAGE** (Craig '49) M-34" Tom Craig tells me that this has proven to be a most consistent fall bloomer and that it is of an incredibly intense color. I also have reports on this from Oregon, Utah and Missouri and everyone who has seen it has been greatly impressed with the fiery brilliance of the coloring. Bronze-red, suffused and blazed magenta. A broad flaring flower of heavy substance. Imagine what it will do to add a dazzling blaze of color to your fall garden. HM '51.....\$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$7.95

**SEPTEMBER SPARKLER**—See red box of Massachusetts-bred fall bloomers.....\$2.00

**THANKSGIVING FIRELIGHT** (Austin '50) 34" A colorful Iris, the delight of all who see it. Usually blooms at Thanksgiving time. Done in festive fall colors. Standards blended reddish yellow, bronzy orange. Falls dark crimson, lighter edge. A fast increaser, a heavy bloomer in an established clump. Has pollen, sets seed. Transmits its fall blooming tendency to offspring.....\$1.50

FROM THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT—"Thanksgiving Firelight made a real display, and I like it very much." Chas. A. Williams, San Gabriel, Calif.  
"The Thanksgiving Firelight which you enclosed as a premium has bloomed in January and again in the latter part of March and all of April. It will probably bloom all of May." James Gulick, San Rafael, California.

**TWO FOR TEA** (Auten '48) ➤ M-20" A Table Iris that blooms spring, summer and fall. A delicate, dainty orchid-pink self, slender stemmed. I had some in bloom almost continuously last summer and fall.....\$1.25

**WESTERN HILLS** (Mrs. Brown '51) M-42" Colored like the autumn leaves in warm golden tan, with falls flushed silvery plum and peacock-blue over rich copper. Reported by Mrs. Steadman as a dependable fall bloomer in Roanoke, Va., without special care. Reblooms early enough to insure fall bloom over most of U. S. Exceptionally tall for an autumn bloomer. Delightful fragrance.....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**WHITE ALONE** 34" A lovely twice-blooming pure white of good height 60c

**ZULU WARRIOR** (Craig '54) ML-38" Stands as a fitting climax to my offerings in Autumn bloomers. The originator states that this is his new super plicata, which, under his climatic conditions blooms all fall and winter and then again for a long period in the spring. A large ruffled yellow plicata with a dense wine-berry border, much like a twice-blooming edition of Raspberry Ribbon, but here the color is dark crimson instead of reddish purple. Tom Craig can well be proud of this one and you will certainly be proud if you have it in your garden. HM '54—[Joseph's Mantle X Burgundy Splash] \$20.00



# Discover the Fascination of **ONCOBREDS** or Onco-Bearded Hybrids

## The Appeal of the ONCO in Hybrids Grown As Easily As Bearded Iris

### LARGEST COLLECTION IN EXISTENCE

**ORIGIN and NOMENCLATURE:** Diverse names have been used for this class of wonderful hybrids of *Oncos* with Bearded Iris, but Clarence White's apt term "Oncobreds" is simplest and best. They have been called Pogocyclis, Eupogocyclis and Oncopogons.

**MOHRS:** All of the large ever-increasing family of Mohrs belong in this category, as they all contain both Onco and Bearded blood, and are descendants of the original "William Mohr."

**CHARACTERISTICS and USES:** As compared with Tall Bearded Iris, these Oncobreds stand out as being highly distinctive and different. They have an amazing array of novel color patterns, some of which are just out of this world. Due to their Onco ancestry, many have broad rounded form surpassing even the newest and finest in Tall Bearded Iris. I have for years been predicting a **RAINBOW of ONCOBREDS**. Now this is being unveiled before your eyes. Below are the world's most complete offerings in this line—not just the original purples and lavenders from a few breeders, but varieties from 32 hybridizers, distributed through 13 DISTINCT COLOR AND PATTERN

**CLASSES.** You should have at least one or two in each class to really understand what the new Oncobreds can do for your garden.

**EXPRESSION of ONCO CHARACTERISTICS:** Oncobreds vary greatly in the degree to which they exhibit externally the Onco that is in their genetic makeup. Some resemble true *Oncos* fairly closely, while in others there is no visible evidence of Onco characteristics. Yet the presence of an Onco in the genealogy should make them easier to cross with *Arlis*, and other Oncobreds. The newer and finer Oncobreds are getting closer and closer to the alluring fascination of true *Oncos*, and are easier than *Oncos* to grow.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS:** The great majority of these have inherited the sturdiness of the Bearded Iris and can easily be grown as explained for Tall Bearded on page 22. A few are strongly Onco-like and are better handled a little more like *Arlis* (page 4).

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Summer and fall, like Bearded Iris.

## For APRIL-MAY-JUNE Bloom - Season Guide to Oncobreds

For **EARLIEST Bloom Try:** Ib-Mac True, Peg Dabagh, Tantalizer and Yussuf. All 4 for \$3.75

For **VERY EARLY Bloom Try:** Anatolia, Baltis, Hurricane and Moab. All 4 for \$6.95

For **EARLY Bloom Try:** Blue Elegance, Deep Buttercup and Flurry Mohr. All 3 for \$2.75

For **LATE Bloom Try:** Altamohr, Blumohr and Laurel Hill. All 3 for \$4.75

Also try Damascus Blade, \$7.50

For **VERY LATE Bloom Try:** Illusion and Zebulon. Both for \$1.40

## COLOR GUIDE to ONCOBREDS

**Strange MARBLED and MULTICOLORED EFFECTS:** Joppa Parrot, Near East and Tantalizer. All 3 for \$7.25

Also try Kalifa Fatima, \$5.00; Clementina, \$17.50; and Chenik Aga, \$50.00

**Decorative VEINED Beauties:** Butterfly Wings, Oyez, Persian Mohr and Sheriffa. All 4 for \$4.25

**Dainty PEPPERED and SPECKLED Patterns:** Anatolia, Mohrlorf and Some Love. All 3 for \$3.85

**Fascinating ORCHID-PINK Colorings:** Illusion, Laurel Hill and Present. All 3 for \$2.80

Also try Coquetry, \$5.00; Pink Marble, \$5.00, and Pink Mohr, \$10.00

**Distinctive REDDISH Tones:** Gypsy King, New Look, Over Here and Zebulon. All 4 for \$3.95

**The First Oncobred VARIEGATAS:** Valganza and Viveza. Both for \$14.95

**GOLD, BUFF and BROWN:** Hebron, Moab, Mohresque and Mt. Sinai. All 4 for \$4.95.

Also try For Sure, \$8.50; Gold Smoke, \$5.00, and Real Gold, \$6.00

**At Last—YELLOW Oncobreds:** Deep Buttercup, Real Gold of Ophir and Mohr Beauty. All 3 for \$6.55

**CHARTREUSE or GREENISH Influence:** Green Mohr, Lady Mohr and Mohr Majesty. All 3 for \$6.45

Also try American Modern, \$6.00; Coronation Tapestry, \$7.50

**Unusual WHITE Oncobreds:** Parachute #2, Icicle and Purissamohr, for \$8.35.

Also try Stick Chick, \$10.00

**Superb BLUES and BLUE-VIOLETS:** Blue Abalone, Blue Elegance, Heigho, Hurricane, Morning Blue and Peg Dabagh. All 6 for \$8.40. Or try Blumohr, Cerulean, Conquest and Mohr Elegance, All 4 for \$11.95. Also try Easternmohr, \$14.00; Frances Craig, \$8.00

**Rich BLACKISH Shades:** Mohrson, Parvar and Yekand. All 3 for \$2.65

Also try Beisan Aga, \$15.00; Black Joppa, \$7.50

**Bright RED-VIOLET and MULBERRY:** Altamohr, Baltis, Barrimohr, Capitola, Elmoher and Flurry

Mohr. All 6 for \$5.35. Also try Fancy Rhythm, \$15.00; Laban Effendi, \$4.00

**Orchid-like AMETHYST and MAUVE Colorings:** Blue Ox, Colossal, Ripples and William Mohr Giant.

All 4 for \$5.40 Also try Flamboyance, \$3.50; Witch Doctor, \$15.00

**ALTAMOHR L-36"** One of the tallest, best branched of the Mohrs. Flaring orchid-violet of large size. Heavily veined maroon. Fertile. .... **.75c**

**AMERICAN MODERN (Craig '51) EE-38"** A new Oncobred color pattern done in olive-ochre. Sometimes strangely flecked bluish green. Falls heavily washed and veined in red. A medley of color done in the modern manner. Tall, vigorous and free flowering. Strange yet lovely. [Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot] ..... **\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$13.50**

**ANATOLIA (Craig '49) VE-30"** The breeder of this, Tom Craig, states that it is the most Onco-like derivative of Wm. Mohr now in commerce. Color applied with much pattern in the Onco-cyclis manner. Light red violet, slightly bicolor, with over-all veining and stippling on the falls, with a suggestion of signal patch at tip of beard. Has much promise as a parent. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) X Capitola] ..... **\$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$6.75**

**BALTIS (White '48) VE-36"** Flowers almost globular, about 5 1/2" in diameter having much the appearance of an Onco. A rich deep violet self shaded with dark naphthalene violet. Stalks with three branches, each having 3 buds. A delightful flower for cutting as well as for the garden. HM'48 ..... **\$2.00**

## BUTTERFLY WINGS—Colorful Oncobred—\$1.50



form than Joppa Parrot and much more vigorous growing. Too new to be widely tested in breeding but since it sets seed more easily than Joppa Parrot and has fertile pollen it may well prove to be the starting point for a new series of fine Oncobreds. It is on my high priority list for this spring's crosses. .... **\$7.50**

**BLUE ABALONE** - Like abalone shell, with red beard, page 40. .... **\$2.50**

**BLUE ELEGANCE (Jory '48) E-40"** A beautiful blue bitone. Big, rounded standards in clear chichy blue with prominent deeper blue veining. Large semi-fingered falls slightly deeper blue. Has pollen, sets seed. HM'49 - [Purissima X Capitola] ..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**BLUE OX (Craig '49) M-30"** A large lilac blue of exceptionally heavy substance. Wonderful placement and carriage, great breeding possibilities. Has proven a good seed parent and sets seed readily when pollinated with either Bearded Iris or Oncobreds. Mulch in cold regions. [Acropolis X C. G. White Oncobred] ..... **\$1.50**

**BLUMOHR (Marx '49) L-36"** A big new blue from a different breeding line. From Wm. Mohr X Orloff in unweined Plumage blue, reported as being bluer & less slate-colored than Morning Blue. From Tennessee comes report: "It is a perfect thing, in my way of thinking—the color of the Cattleya orchid." Other new blues are early, but this blooms at midseason or later. Pollen abundant. HM'49; AM'52 ..... **\$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$7.95**

**BUTTERFLY WINGS (White '46) M-36"** An Oncobred as beautiful and as captivating as the wings of a tropical butterfly, veining that comes from its grandparent, Susiana. I picture a whole cluster of Butterfly Wings, like a swarm of freshly alighted butterflies. Above, the coloring is translucent lilac blue—below, it is rich parchment prominently veined in mulberry, crimson and russet brown. The exotic charm of true *Oncos*, but borne on yard-high, well-branched stalks. A real accomplishment for Clarence White, but this need not be trail's end. This rare hybrid is fertile, may well be the best seed-setter of all Oncobreds. I have a wide array of promising new seedlings just coming into bloom from Butterfly Wings x Rocket, Chivalry and other favorites of mine. Now you try it. Out-sold all other Oncobreds in its price class. Order NOW. Later will be just too late. HM'47 - [(Pink Jada x Susiana) X (Theme x Sacramento)] See Ektachrome ..... **\$1.50**

**CANAAN (Jory '49) Ⓢ** Grey, veined green and dotted red-violet. .... **\$5.00**

**CAPITOLA** - Greatest of all Oncobred pollen parents, featured in blue box, next page.

**CERULEAN (Craig) E-M-40"** A handsome new Iris with distinctive Mohr form. Flowers large and broad, done in a most interesting color—light greyed-cerulean blue. Remarkably tall for an Oncobred. Considered so outstanding it was introduced at \$25.00. [Purissima X Capitola] ..... **\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.25**

**CHENIK AGA (White '54) Ⓢ** Fabulous, like Joppa Parrot but wildly brilliant. .... **\$50.00**

**CLEMENTINA** - Beautiful flat-type Oncobred, marbled. See Novelties, page 40. .... **\$17.50**

**COLOSSAL (Marx '46) E-32"** Gigantic 7" flowers in smooth deep lavender. Like a larger Ormhohr and two weeks earlier. Fragrant. [William Mohr X El Capitán] ..... **\$1.00**





GREEN MOHR—Bewitching New Oncobred—\$2.00

## Two Best Inexpensive Pollen Parents

**CAPITOLA** (Reinelt '40) VE-28" Most potent, useful Oncobred pollen parent known today. Among its many descendants: LADY MOHR, FANCYWORKS, CONQUEST, MORNING BLUE, BLUE ELEGANCE, PEG DABAGH, HEIGHO, HURRICANE, ANATOLIA. Also valuable as a garden subject. Colossal blooms of superb form in brilliant red-violet. Does not set seed; when it has pollen it is highly potent; should be tried on all the finer, newer Tall Bearded Iris. Better start NOW! At my new low price CAPITOLA is the one best buy for hybridizers in my entire catalog. Better get plenty. You'll want lots of pollen. HM'47; AM'50—[William Mohr x Ib Mac]—\$1.00

**IB-MAC, TRUE** (Van Tubergen) EE-13" There are two wholly different plants being sold as Ib-mac. The true form is exceedingly scarce. It is a big globular flower, deep rose violet, greatly resembling its offspring Capitola, but more striking. Has an intensely black signal patch and other Onco attributes. One of the three most potent Oncobred pollen parents; the others are Joppa Parrot and Capitola. Beard wide, Oncolike diffuse, brown. Leaves white-based, strongly sickle-shaped, in Onco fashion. Pollen abundant, highly fertile. Rhizomes small. [Iberica X Macrantha]—\$2.00

**CONQUEST** (Marx '52) E-30" This is the new Oncobred that has been hailed as the "blue Lady Mohr" and has been much sought by the many who are making complete collections of the Mohrs. A giant Oncobred with wistaria blue standards in pleasing contrast to the buff cream falls with dark bronze beard and soft lavender signal. Somewhat reminiscent of the Onco Gatesii, which occurs in its ancestry. Early, vigorous and free blooming. Pollen available for the hybridizer. [Snoqualmie X Capitola]—\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

**COQUETRY** (Scheiner '41) E-25" A winsome and delicate Onco-like flower with quaint ruffling. Standards cupped and closed, white, flushed and finely veined in lilac. Falls light lilac pink, with silvery-white center and fine pink and maroon dots. Beard wide, Onco-like, bronze and maroon. Style crests prominent and decorative, pinkish buff. Comes from two famous Oncos, Gatesii and Lortetii, crossed with each other and then with the Bearded Iris Midwest. One of the few known tetraploid Oncobreds, with 48 chromosomes. So it should cross with most modern Tall Bearded and give you intriguing progeny. Rhizomes small. \$5.00

**CORONATION TAPESTRY** (Craig '53) EM-38" A descendant of Joppa Parrot. As might be expected, it is strangely blended and veined. A bicolor involving lilac, brown, gold, coronation purple, rose maroon, hudson seal and even palmeaf green. Of special interest to lovers of the exotic in Iris and to breeders of Oncobreds and greens. HM'55—[Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot]—\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55

**DAMASCUS BLADE** (White '53) L-42" A strange and mysterious combination of steel-gray, mauve pink and brown, blended and fused. It is ¼ Onco and this is evident in its general make-up and in the light blue blaze at the end of the beard. A good grower producing huge showy flowers on strong tall stalks. Unlike most Oncobreds, it blooms late in the season and will extend your blooming period materially. Has been tested in Illinois, New England and other parts of the East and has been found fully hardy. Highly perfumed. [Involving Quaker Mischief]—\$7.50

**DEEP BUTTERCUP** (Muhlestein '48) E-26" An intensely bright yellow of large size. From Brown Betty x Golden Eagle, so has ¼ Onco blood. Does not have Lady Mohr form, but may prove a stepping stone in that direction, for it sets seed and its pollen is extremely fertile, especially on Oncobreds. Very fragrant. HC'47—\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**EASTERMOHR** (Weidner '53) EM-40" This is the widely heralded new blue Oncobred from Mr. Weidner and was obtained directly from Wm. Mohr. Believed to be the bluest Oncobred to date, certainly it is one of the tallest and best branched. It is, indeed, remarkable what a great improvement in height and branching can be secured in a first generation cross with Wm. Mohr, when one is fortunate enough to get the seed to set. Flowers very large, ruffled, medium blue, with firmly domed standards and full semi-flaring falls. Fully hardy in the East. [Wm. Mohr X Easter Morn]—\$14.00

**ELMOHR** (Loomis '42) ML-35" Imagine a Dykes winner, most popular of the Mohrs, for only a dollar. If you don't have ElmoHR you've been missing an annual thrill. An enormous Iris of perfect form, draped in Bishop's purple robes of regal splendor. Dykes Medal '45—[William Mohr X R Sdg.]—\$1.00

**ENGRAVED** (Craig '52) White with crisp steel engraving—\$7.50

**FANCY RHYTHM** (Wells '55) Shimmering violet Mohr, white signal—\$15.00

**FANCYWORKS** (Craig '51) VE-40" Truly a novel flower, the new fancy plicata pattern combined with Mohr-type veining. In effect a burgundy self but intricately and delicately patterned with varying deeper tones of this color on the lighter ground. Typical Oncobred flower form combined with tall, vigorous stem characteristics of bearded Iris. Flaming mulberry leaf-bases add to the brilliant effect. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) x Sib] X Capitola—\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95

**FLAMBOYANCE** (Tompkins '52) M-36" A grandchild of OrmoHR that is a truly gigantic Iris in glowing rose lilac. Petals broad with a distinctive crimped and somewhat lacy edge with a delicate ruffling. Makes a magnificent specimen stalk for the show room and should win you a prize. [Sonatine x Veishea x Copper River] X Mulberry Rose—\$3.50

**FLURRY MOHR** (Rees '50) E-42" A huge rich deep violet from Snow Flurry X Capitola. Standards tend to flatten out somewhat so this makes a wonderful single-flower arrangement, or an ideal flat-dish display. Gives a breath-taking effect and your friends will be amazed. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**FOR SURE** (Linse '53) EM-37" A descendant of the famous Lady Mohr. Beautifully done with standards of cream to creamy tan with a bright margin of ecru. Falls similar but washed with violet about the beard. Stems tall with 3 widely spaced branches. [Lady Mohr X Painted Desert]—\$8.50

**FRANCES CRAIG** (Craig '52) VE-38" There have been many additions to the lovely blue Oncobreds in recent years, but here's one that tops them all for size, color and form. Tom Craig considers it the best, most beautiful Iris he has ever created. A huge flower in pearly lilac blue with immense round falls flaring out beautifully. If you are one of the many who have come to prefer to get one or two really good new Iris each year, instead of many of the older ones, this is certainly one to get this year. You'll not regret it. Next to the top in the '55 Awards of Merit. [Snow Flurry X Capitola]—\$8.00; 3 for \$21.95

**GOLD OF OPHIR**—Stunning—like a hedge of Gold of Ophir roses, page 3—\$5.00

**GOLD SMOKE** (Clarke '52) 34" Here is one of the newest additions to the Rainbow of Oncobreds. A beautiful and unusual coloring—a lustrous, smoky gold or gold russet with a suffusion of soft lilac below the broad brownish-tan beard. Large, perfectly proportioned flowers, with broad standards and falls. Flowers borne on tall, well-branched stalks. [Anita Catherine X Unknown]—\$5.00; 3 for \$11.25

**GREEN MOHR** (Muhlestein '51) ML-40" The first new Wm. Mohr descendant resembling the world-renowned Lady Mohr, and carrying the marked chartreuse coloring still farther. A most surprising and appealing color. A silvery grey flushed with greenish yellow, greenest when flower first opens. Large soft lavender flush in center of falls. An extra large flower of full Mohr form and with very definite Onco characteristics. Buds strongly olive green indicating the large amount of green in the make-up of this flower. A substantial step in the direction of real green self; should be crossed with Lady Mohr and the best of the greenish Tall Bearded varieties, notably those I list under heading "The New Greenish Tones." Will set seed, has plentiful pollen. HC'50; HM'52—[William Mohr X Chosen]. See life-like photograph—\$2.00

**APPRAISAL:** "Visitors were stopped 'dead in their tracks' by a magnificent display of new Onco hybrids including... Green Mohr, a huge chartreuse variety." Report in A.I.S. Bulletin, 128 on visit to Prof. Harrison's garden in Massachusetts. "The increasing brigade of breeders of Onco-pogons will be doing their best to cross Green Mohr and Lady Mohr in a hunt for recessives!" H. S. Potbergill, 1951 British Iris Year Book. Everyone seemed to like Green Mohr." Larry A. Gaultier, A.I.S. Bulletin 131.

**GYPSY KING** (Lothrop '44) EM-35" A bold flower, done in gypsy coloring. Claret red, with broad velvety falls. Abundant pollen. [Sdg. X Far Cross]—\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**HEBRON** (Jory '49) EM-34" Large Mohr-shaped blooms in rich honey-brown. One of the few that inherits Onco factors from both the seed parent and the pollen parent. [Grace Mohr sdg. X Capitola]—\$2.00

**HEIGHO** (Craig '49) VE-45" Has a small but definite Onco-like signal, simply wonderful substance. Immense, globe-like, clear blue-violet, on tall wiry 45" stems; unbelievably fine branching. Flowers all the way from very early to late. Reported to be a dependable bloomer in the East. Absolutely unsurpassed as a proven Oncobred seedparent. [Purissima X Capitola]—\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

**HURRICANE** (Craig '49) VE-32" Immense broad flaring flowers, often 6" or more across, of the toughest substance. Color pale powder blue, infused with lilac and white, usually strongly marbled lilac in an exotic manner. Excellent possibilities for hybridizers. HC'48; HM'49—[Purissima X Capitola]—\$2.50

**IB-MAC, TRUE**—Great pollen parent. Featured in blue box—\$2.00

**ICICLE** (Marx '47) L-10" A white self interestingly feathered with blue. Strangely enough it has inherited a typical Regelia form from its Oncogelia pollen parent. An intriguing flower with a novel pedigree. [Yellow dwarf X Luna]—\$1.00

**ILLUSION** (Kleinsorge '43) VL-34" An ethereal, pearly orchid-pink that leaves one breathless. Flowers very large, well formed. Beard brown-tipped, ending in a highly novel crest. Exquisite, will bring forth Oh's and Ah's. HM'47—[OrmoHR X Red Cross]—\$1.00



**JALLA EFFENDI** (White '52) VE Standards buff yellow with delicate mahogany veins and sometimes a chartreuse tinge. Falls cinnamon yellow, flushed red and peppered in purple. Very wide heavy orange beard. An impressive Oncobred that is hardy and increases well. **\$7.00**

**JOPPA PARROT** (White '48) VE-24" Most startling, bizarre Iris in whole array of colorful Oncobreds! Mr. White has used Oncos to produce many strange color combinations bordering on the unbelievable, but never one like Joppa Parrot. Standards fully rounded, cupped, Onco-like, light mauve, heavily, irregularly streaked soft mulberry. Falls rounded, strongly convex in Onco fashion, bronzy gold, with an intricate pattern of cinnamon-red and yellow, exploding into bold streaks of mulberry black. Beard also Onco-like, very broad, prominent, golden bronze. Superb for seekers of the unusual, and for hybridizers. One of the 3 most potent and useful Oncobred pollen parents known. Among its diverse offspring are exciting colorbreaks from chartreuse yellow to dark olive-green, veined in red. Named descendants include American Modern and Coronation Tapestry. Onco-like, so be sure to provide good drainage, winter mulching in cold regions. Order TODAY if you want this. Rhizomes small. See *Ektachrome* **\$5.00**

"The plants you sent me in August 1954 arrived in perfect condition and went ahead straight away. Joppa Parrot now has 13 leaf growths!" Mrs. N. H. James, Ferndale, Cape Province, South Africa.

**KALIFA FATIMA** (White '52) VE-24" Has been characterized as the crowning triumph of Clarence White's long and wondrous career in originating new Oncobreds. Kalifa Fatima is a colorful and almost unbelievable medley of gray, blue and purple with a pronounced, very dark Onco-like signal patch. And most important of all, it brings us the closest approach yet made in any Oncobred to the true and long-sought Onco form and flower coloring. Standards strongly arched, falls round, broad at haft in true Onco fashion. Beard very broad, Onco-like. Unlike many of the earlier Oncobreds, this is a vigorous, easy-to-grow plant, a fast increaser and is highly fertile, with abundant pollen. Destined to be known as one of Mr. White's greatest achievements. Be the first to have it. **HM'52 \$5.00 > 3 for \$9.95**

**KUM-ON** (Kummer '55) Mahogany-red etched on lighter ground. **\$10.00**

**LABAN EFFENDI** (White '54) M-32" A new Clarence White Oncobred destined for great popularity with gardeners and flower arrangers. Standards softly colored like a Foxglove; falls Catawba, blended and veined on lighter ground, with intense black signal, like an Onco. The Judges loved it and called it "Sugar Plum" but the name was not available. A vigorous grower and prolific increaser that produces strange, vertical carrot-like rhizomes. **\$4.00**

**LADY MOHR** (Salbach '44) VE-36" Unsurpassed value, for Lady Mohr is now a dollar and has been very close to top of all Irisdom. Standards oystershell white infused lavender. Falls bewitching seafoam or chartreuse yellow. A tall giant, with 6 buds to a stem. Abundantly fertile. **HM'44; AM'46 - (Alta California x King Midas) x Capitola \$1.00**

**LAUREL HILL** (Plough '49) L-30" Bright rosy lavender, with characteristic Onco veining and nicely rounded standards and falls. A very large flower, leathery substance, nicely flaring falls. Hardy, taking cold winters and torrid summers in its stride. No pollen; a good seed setter, of great value to hybridizers. [William Mohr X Old Home] **\$1.25**

**MAGIC LIGHT** (Austin '55) EM-30" A highly interesting new Oncogeliabred resulting from crossing the Oncogelia Theseus with pollen of the Tall Bearded Iris Pink Formal. Standards bewitching silvery-pink, veined dark crimson. Falls silvery rose, becoming misty crimson in the center, and darkening to a blackish maroon signal at end of the bronze beard. The dark crimson veining gives us the charm of Theseus in a hybrid readily grown right along with Bearded Iris. **\$15.00**

**MAHARAJAH** (White '55) ML-40" A seedling from Tobacco Road crossed with pollen of the Oncobred Spring Secretary. The latter, in turn, descended from two of Clarence White's Oncobreds, namely Fiesta and Chosen. So now we have the great breeding potentialities of Tobacco Road in a GLOBULAR '55 bloom on a 40" stalk, beautifully branched. The color is sparkling honey-gold and reddish tawny shades. The Onco influence makes for breadth of parts. Will be a focal point in your garden for a month or longer. Fertile both ways and may prove to be even a greater parent than Tobacco Road. Be among the first to use it in your crossing. **\$15.00**

**MARGARET CRUISE** (White '54) Large yellow veined hazel brown. **\$7.50**

**MOAB** (Jory '49) VE-30" A strange bitone with standards glistening light brown and falls of golden brown, heavily washed with medium brown, quite flaring. Sometimes speckled in purple. [Grace Mohr x ?] x Capitola **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**MOHR BEAUTY** (Miliken '49) LM-36" First and only yellow Oncobred with Onco form. A glistening, ruffled pale yellow with white signal at end of bright yellow beard. Cross with intense yellow and orange tones (as Gold Sovereign and Royal Sovereign). While Onco in bloom, it has foliage like Tall Bearded. Easy to grow. **HM'53 - (Elmohr x Y Sdg.) \$2.50**

**MOHR ELEGANCE** (Austin '53) EM-32" Lovely coloring and exceptionally elegant form. A pale amethyst self with a light yellow beard. Standards strongly arched, very stiff and precise in styling. Falls also of heavy substance, quite flaring. Very clearly shows the Onco in its ancestry. [Snow Flurry x Capitola] **\$2.50**

**MOHRESQUE** (Keith '50) M-40" A real knockout that has attracted a lot of attention because it is so different. Standards light brown, falls yellowish buff at edges, deepening to nearly chartreuse at hafts with purple flecking in the falls, which are wide and full. Presumably came from Doxa x Zwannenburg, but is ever so much larger and taller than either of these. Will set some seed. **HM'52 \$1.50**

**MOHRLOFF** (Schirmer '49) M From the Oncobred ORMohr x the plicata ORLOFF has come MOHRLOFF, effectively combining both the names and flower characteristics. The pattern of peppered markings has come from Orloff, but the yellow ground of Orloff is missing, and instead we have the lavender of Ormohr, sprinkled over a white ground. Sets seed easily and has abundant pollen. **\$1.00**

**MOHR MAJESTY** (Walker '52) L-36" One of the largest of all Oncobreds, done in lovely chartreuse-buff with typical Onco veining in wine red. Petals extremely broad with standards magnificently domed in typical Onco fashion. A sensational flower and a great accomplishment for Mr. Walker, particularly since it comes from that great but difficult seed parent, William Mohr. **HM'52 - (William Mohr x Golden Majesty) \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**MOHRSON** M-36" Bold ruffled violet-black. Sets seed and has pollen. **60c**

**MOHR VELVET** (Muhlestein '52) Velvety dark yellow. Fertile pollen. **\$2.00**



**JOPPA PARROT — Onco-like Oncobred — \$5.00**

**MORNING BLUE** (Jory '48) VE-42" A lovely blue self with that Onco look—a flower of superb form, gigantic size, borne on tall stems. Height and branching of Tall Bearded combined with Onco flower form. Falls broad, semi-flaring, of good substance. Has pollen, sets seed. [Purissima x Capitola] **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**MT. SINAI** (Jory '49) EM-30" An interesting flower, somewhat resembling Lady Mohr but in brownish coffee color. Falls flaring. Unusual and vigorous. [Grace Mohr sdg. x Capitola] **\$1.50**

**NEAR EAST** (White '39) VE-24" An astonishing ruffled Iris, immediately reminding one of the curious colorings and distinctive texture of a Persian rug. Light yellow, marbled and overlaid with maroon dots and fine lines. Bold dark maroon veins at haft. Odd and highly interesting. **\$1.25**

**NEW LOOK** (Johnson '52) L-34" Without doubt, the largest, finest red Oncobred available today. Standards heavily substance, deep wine-red, strangely upright, enabling one to look into the heart of the flower and marvel at the yellow style arms, nearly twice as large as in ordinary bearded Iris. From the Onco ancestry comes a wonderfully exquisite tracery of veins and dots. Falls quite flaring, heavily substance, very velvety, crimson-red, veined in dark red. Beard broad, golden brown. A wonderful and very distinctive new creation. Certainly among the finest of the Wm. Mohr seedlings ever produced. [William Mohr x probably Bruno] **\$2.50**

**OLIVE ORCHID** — Green in a fascinating form. See New Introductions, page 3 **\$10.00**

**OVER HERE** M-32" Unique dark velvety crimson, lined blackish. **75c**

**OYEZ** (White '38) E-28" A jewel-like Oncobred of such exceptional fascination that it always draws a crowd. Imagine rounded pinkish white standards, etched with veins of dark rose; falls horizontally flaring, pinkish cream, strikingly and precisely veined in blackish maroon, culminating in a signal of the same color. Standards open, exposing the rich chestnut brown styles, in sharp contrast to the rest of the coloring. Order early. **AM'41 \$1.25**

**PARACHUTE #2** (Loomis '52) M-ML-35" Dr. Loomis, the creator of Elmohr, has done a great deal of breeding with Wm. Mohr to produce better Oncobreds. Those that have come out white or nearly white he has dubbed the Parachutes. No. 2 is a very heavy substance flower with distinctly Mohr form. When it first opens petals are pale lavender, marbled in deeper lavender but they gradually lighten to almost pure white. Ruffled and crumpled in an attractive manner. [William Mohr x Spanish Peaks] **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

♦♦♦♦♦ **ONCOBRED ODDITY** ♦♦♦♦♦

**PARVAR** (Foster) VE-20" A miniature Oncobred oddity of strange appearance. A first generation hybrid resulting from the Onco Paradoxa X Variegata. Standards dark lavender, erect, open. Falls tiny, nearly black with a very broad caterpillar-like purplish-black beard exposed almost to the very base of the falls, due to the unique open construction of the flower. Enormous breeding possibilities if this immense beard from Paradoxa can be passed on to giant flowers on tall stems **\$1.50**





**WILLIAM MOHR, GIANT**—Amazing—Only \$1.75

- PEG DABAGH** (Craig '48) EE-40" Sensational blue. Introduced at \$35. Has the much-sought Lady Mohr form. Much deeper colored than the two Jory varieties, a clear, rich violet-blue. Does well anywhere. **HM'48** - [Purissima X Capitola].....**\$1.00**
- PERSIAN MOHR** (Austin '53) EM-33" An Oncobred from Golden Majesty x Capitola with texture and form clearly showing its Onco ancestry. Standards large and very round, silvery violet. Falls, dark mulberry with a rug-like texture and interesting pattern of intricate brown markings. Beard golden bronze.....**\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**
- PINK MARBLE** (Austin '55) E-24" Probably the first Iris ever introduced with white marbling in the green leaves. A curious, decorative phenomenon giving an appearance quite distinct from the striping in the leaves of Zebra. As expected for this cross of *Cherie x Capitola*, the flower color is pink, in fact, a bright orchid-rose self. Form is full and rounded, with broad petals and stiffly arched standards, typical of true Oncobreds. Grown from embryo-cultured seed.....**\$5.00**
- PINK MOHR** - The pinkest Onco-like Oncobred, page 3.....**\$10.00**

#### Best Inexpensive PINK Oncobred

**PRESENT** (White '41) VE-32" Like a triumphant queen, tall, breathtaking. A hybrid retaining the exotic Onco charm. Soft alluring amethyst-pink, embroidered like handwork of the East with a fine tracery of deep pink veins, set off by a blackish rose beauty spot at end of beard. **HM'47; AM'49** - [Onco X Bearded].....**\$1.25; 3 for \$2.85**

**PURISSAMOHR** (Weidner '52) ML-40" Acclaimed as the most sensational Oncobred to be introduced in a good many years. A grand pure white of faultless classic form. Flowers large, very heavy substantiated with closed domed standards and very broad flaring falls. Delightfully ruffled. No haft markings to detract from the purity of color. Beard golden tan terminating in a point so characteristic of Oncobreds. Splendid sturdy stalks with three branches and a terminal, permitting 8 to 10 flowers to be spaced to good advantage without crowding. Superb blood for breeding better whites. Sets seed readily. Originated in Pennsylvania and is thoroughly hardy throughout the East. Sweet fragrance. **HM'52** - [William Mohr X [Purissima x Easter Morn]].....**\$7.50 ► 3 for \$14.95**

**REAL GOLD** (Austin '51) VE-24" The nearest approach to real gold color (not yellow) yet attained in Iris. Standards glistening gold buff. Falls deep gold buff, enhanced by harmonizing soft brown veins and a golden bronze beard. Admired by our visitors. Has definite Onco characteristics and is quite unlike any other. Falls broad, quite flaring, up to 6" spread. A terrific increaser; you'll have a big clump with lots of bloom in short order. Yields good pollen and sets seed. [Golden Majesty X Capitola].....**\$6.00 ► 3 for \$11.95**

**EXPERT OPINION:** "I like Real Gold. It is much the best of the Onco hybrids that I have seen and I've seen about all of them."—Geddes Douglas, Editor, Bulletin of American Iris Society.

"Your REAL GOLD is by far the finest and most attractive Onco-hybrid and one of the most unique and outstanding Iris of any kind that I've ever seen. It seems to be perfectly hardy and vigorous in this semi-Arctic, rough-on-Oncos section of New York State." D. E. Bailey, Oneonta, N. Y.

- RIPPLES** (Linse '51) E to M-36" An immense new hybrid with blooms 7 to 8 inches across and with simply superb form and substance. Falls broad, flaring, rippled and waved. Colored a lovely shade of old lilac with hafts and margins around standards and falls blended olive yellow. Every fancier will marvel at the perfection of form and color. A vigorous grower. Sets seed freely. [Ormhohr X Snoqualmie].....**\$2.50**
- SHERIFFA** M-36" Exotic, deep blue, veined dark red. Iridescent.....**60c**
- SILVER CHARM** VE-30" Best buy of all the blues, at this price. Glistening gray blue, strongly marked lilac. A prodigious bloomer. [Purissima x lb-Mac].....**60c**
- SLICK CHICK** (Linse '54) ML-36" This is the much heralded snow white baby of Lady Mohr developed by Jack Linse. He considers it the most significant thing he has ever developed and one that every serious breeder of the Mohr family will need. It is pure white with a greenish mid-rib. Beard white. Pollen plentiful and fertile—as fertile as that of Capitola. Also sets seed so its great significance may prove to be as a breeder and as the fertile key that will open the door to countless new and lovely things. Be among the first to try it. [Lady Mohr X Snoqualmie].....**\$10**
- SOME LOVE** E-20" Not only "Some love it," but everyone adores it. Delicately beautiful. Ivory besprinkled pink & cinnamon. Hardy. **AM'40**.....**\$1.00**
- TANTALIZER** (Marx '52) EE-11" An intriguing and bizarre little Oncobred with a coloring reminding one more of a chipmunk than a flower. Buff yellow boldly and variably marked in deep maroon. Splendid for starting your Oncobred season as it blooms extremely early along with the dwarfs. [Dwarf yellow Sdlg. X Hera].....**\$1.00**
- VALGANZA** (Brenan '53) M-38" Now I can offer you this Oncobred with the remarkable color pattern recently established by Pretender. A great grandchild of an Onco, this new color charmer is the new type variegata with yellow standards and red-purple falls. Seems to have great breeding possibilities. [Extravaganza X Val].....**\$7.50**
- VIVEZA** (White '54) EM-38" Viveza and Valganza represent my first offerings in a new color pattern for Oncobreds, namely the variegatas. Viveza has the very uncommon Oncobred color pattern of standards in a blend of maize and straw-yellow with mahogany-red falls and an orange beard. A brilliant garden subject on tall stalks with 4-way branching. About ¼ Onco. No pollen but is an excellent seed parent.....**\$10.00**
- WESTWAYS** - Tiny, flat and decorative. For arrangements, page 21.....**75c**
- WILLIAM MOHR, GIANT** (Mohr-Mitchell) EM-27" William Mohr is the famous original from which all other Mohrs have descended. Theoretically, all William Mohrs should be alike, but this strain is more vigorous and healthy than that commonly grown. Flowers larger, 5½" x 6", on stalks 26" to 28" tall, much above common form. So our visitors insist on getting this special strain. Also, this occasionally produces an abundance of fertile pollen, something I have never seen on the ordinary form; thus preferred by hybridizers. A huge bright lavender, with a network of red-violet. Fine direct descendants of Wm. Mohr are becoming quite numerous, and include Altamohr, Blumohr, Capitola, Easternmohr, Elmohr, Green Mohr, Laurel Hill, Mohr Majesty, New Look, Parachute No. 2 and Purissamohr. I first offered this strain in '51, and was sold out by late summer. May not have enough to last through this summer, but plenty for early orders. [Parislana x Gatesii].....**\$1.75**

**CUSTOMER'S REACTION:** "WM. MOHR, GIANT has brought many Ob's and Ab's from our neighbors." L. Hoffman, Davis, Calif.

**WITCH DOCTOR** (Plough '55) E to L-28" A new giant that will be an eye-stopper in any garden for it is like an improved Conquest. Standards blue-lavender with buffy-tan midrib. Falls from center down are grayed-blue-lavender with buffy-tan haft and heart. Beard yellow, blue at tip. Starts early and blooms for a long season. [W-1 Cream Sdlg. X Capitola].....**\$15.00**

#### Most ONCO-LIKE of Inexpensive Oncobreds

**YARKAND** (White '48) VE-24" Harks back strongly to Onco ancestry. A study in contrasts! Standards bright amethyst blue, veined in dark violet, well rounded, strongly arched in Onco fashion. Falls almost black, dark mulberry at end. Beard, prominent bronzy-black. Style arms bright lilac-red. **HM'48**.....**\$1.25 ► 3 for \$2.85**

**YUSSUF** EE-36" Bold flower with evident touch of the Near East. Very large, uneven greyish mulberry, irregularly flecked cream.....**75c**

**ZEBULON** VL-39" Huge, veined lilac rose & purplish crimson. Fertile. **75c; 3 for \$2.10**

#### Thrifty ONCOBRED Collections

**COLOR PLATE COLLECTION:** Butterfly Wings, Green Mohr, Joppa Parrot. William Mohr, Giant, for.....**\$7.95**

**HYBRIDIZERS POLLEN PARENTS:** The 3 best Oncobred pollen parents: Capitola, lb Mac True and Joppa Parrot for only.....**\$5.75**

**BEST SEED SETTERS:** The 4 best Oncobred seed setters: Butterfly Wings, Heigho, Gold Smoke and Ripples for only.....**\$7.35**

**NEW ONCOBRED CREATIONS:** Order any 3 of these; pay for any 2 of the 3; the third is yours with my compliments: American Modern, Cerulean, Fancy-works, Kalifa Fatima, Coronation Tapestry or Mohr Majesty.....**\$15.75**

**THE NEWER MOHRs:** This and the next are for the thousands who are developing Mohr gardens: Anatolia, Blue Abalone, Blumohr, Flamboyance, Hurricane, Mohr Beauty, Mohr Elegance, Persian Mohr.....**\$15.75**

**Any 4 for \$6.65; all 8 for \$15.75**

**THE OLDER MOHRs:** Blue Elegance, Elmohr, Flurry Mohr, Lady Mohr, Moab, Mohrloff, Morning Blue. Seven for only.....**\$5.95**

**SEMI-NEW RAINBOW ONCOBREDs:** Your choice, any 8 of these 19: Altamohr, Barrimohr, Deep Buttercup, Gypsy King, Icicle, Illusion, Laurel Hill, Near East, Over Here, Oyez, Peg Dabagh, Present, Sheriffa, Silver Charm, Some Love, Tantalizer, Yarkand, Yussuf, Zebulon, for only.....**\$4.35**

**MASSACHUSETTS EXPERIENCE:** "I had very good luck with iris you sent me." Ernest J. Brodeur, Lowell, Massachusetts.

**YOU'LL LIKE THE MOHRs, TOO:** "My Mohr Iris are simply out of this world, they are so large. Thank you so much for such lovely plants." Alma Braudrick, Honey Grove, Texas.

THIS is the year to fill out your Iris garden—my 10th Anniversary Offers galore give you the chance of a lifetime.



# The WINTER BLOOMING Iris

For Mid-Winter and Spring Bloom in Mild Climates

## WINTER-BLOOMING BEARDED Iris

Bloom in Spring & Again NOV. to FEB.

**USES AND BLOOMING SEASON:** These are the most useful of all Bearded Iris for "Surprise Plantings" in mild climates, for they burst into bloom most unexpectedly in mid-winter, and their foliage is practically evergreen. In cold climates most are likely to bloom in early spring, with the intermediates, thus materially lengthening your Tall Bearded blooming season. Try a few of these this year and see what you have been missing.

**CULTURE, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES:** Same as for Tall Bearded, page 22.

**HARDINESS:** Cold hardy except December Royalty needs mulching in cold regions.

### COLOR GUIDE TO THE WINTERS

**PINKS:** Aahme, California Pink and Pink Pinafore, All 3 for \$9.95

**REDS:** San Pasqual and Winter Flame. Both for \$7.75

**BRONZE:** Russian Bronze, \$1.00

**YELLOW:** Arcadia Buttercup and Springtime Madonna. Both for \$2.25

**BLUE, VIOLET and PURPLE:** Bel-Air, Blue River and December Royalty. All 3 for \$9.95

**ROSY LILAC:** Alta Rosa and Tournament Queen. Both for \$1.75

**AAHME** (Craig '53) 36" A large, finely-formed clear orchid pink, like a winter-blooming Fuchsia. Beard coral-tangerine. Blooms in December or January and in Spring. Fertile pollen. (Hall 44-50 X (Peach Parfait sib. x Fantasy)).....\$7.50

**ALTA ROSA** (White '37) EE-48" A tall, nicely branched Oncobred, Under favorable conditions this will bloom for 4 months, from Nov. to Feb. A rich rosy-lavender blended with warm bronze. Large flowers of aristocratic form.....\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

**ARCADIA BUTTERCUP** (Milliken '47) E-30" An exquisite deep golden yellow self, with exceptional life and sparkle. In mild climates it will be your pride and joy and will shower you with beautiful golden blossoms from midwinter on through the regular Iris season. Flower nicely formed with arched standards and flaring falls; substance excellent. Try it for a profusion of Winter Bloom. HM'48.....\$1.50

**BEL-AIR** (Milliken '47) 30" Outstanding large ruffled clear violet blue on tall well-branched stems. The ruffling gives the coloring highlights and depths which have a fascinating charm.....\$1.50

**BLUE RIVER** VE-36" Enticingly fragrant. A lovely clear light medium blue with a harmonizing pale blue beard.....75c

**CALIFORNIA PINK** (Heller '48) E-45" Mr. Heller states that where climate is mild enough, as in southern California, will bloom 6 months out of every year. Long spring blooming period with additional late blooming to December and even January. A tall gorgeous light bright orchid pink, novel lilac-white beard.....\$2.00

**DECEMBER ROYALTY** (Austin '51) E-34" Starts its second bloom about Nov. 25 and often keeps blooming till Christmas, so you can have a huge Iris bouquet beside the Christmas tree. A large bold flower in brilliant royal purple, darkening to intense wine-black in the upper half of the velvety falls. Noteworthy for its smooth satiny hafts unmarred by veinings. Outstanding for its poise, substance and finish. Sometimes 15 to 20 flowers; hence, ideally constituted to cut in bud stage before frosts get too severe, for almost unbelievable winter bouquets. Unexcelled as a parent, transmitting its admirable traits to its offspring. In cold regions needs protection, such as afforded by cold frames to secure December blooms.....\$6.00 3 for \$11.95

"Everyone liked December Royalty. It is a fine addition to our too few good deep purples." Edith R. Lowry, Newton, Massachusetts.

**PINK PINAFORE** (Austin '52) EM-34" A charming pink plicata. A delighted us by blooming in spring and again between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Standards light yellow, so completely flushed as to appear orchid-pink. Falls wavy, heavily stippled and lined orchid pink, edged gold. Simply superb branching starting about 10". Probably the only Winter-blooming pink plicata.....\$5.00 3 for \$9.95

**RUSSIAN BRONZE** (Milliken '46) VE-30" Dependable long-season winter bloomer. Where climate permits, will bloom every week from late fall till early spring. Golden tender standards; deep maroon falls.....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**SAN PASQUAL** VE-36" Large, nicely-formed flower resembling the famous Ranger. Bright yellow beard. Standards light carmine; falls rich, dark velvety carmine. Fragrant.....75c; 3 for \$2.10

**SPRINGTIME MADONNA** (Milliken '49) VE-34" A symphony in cream and gold; perhaps the loveliest of all of my winter-blooming Bearded Iris. If you live where the winters are relatively warm, this is likely to bloom for you in Dec., Jan., or Feb. A creamy-yellow self with a bright gold edge to both standards and falls. Deep gold reticulations add a beautiful highlighting effect.....\$1.50

**TOURNAMENT QUEEN** VE-36" Most popular winter bloomer. Has a happy combination of color, size and form. A luscious bright fuchsia-toned Iris with stiff flaring falls with a spread of 7 inches or more. Texture and lustre like nylon, with petals flexed enough so portions of them are always highlighting. Prominent chateaufort styles. Vigorous grower. Very fragrant. (Betsy Ross X (Mt. Cloud X Cheerio)).....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**WINTER FLAME** (Austin '53) E-32" I am pleased to present what I believe is the largest, finest red Winter bloomer available today. Persists in blooming each year in December or January, or both, as well as in spring. Standards smooth light wine red; falls velvety crimson with faint violet signal and distinctive light center line; also novel light buff edging. Heavily branched, with up to 20 buds and 5 flowers out at once on each stalk. Heavy seed-setter. (December Royalty X Self).....\$7.50 3 for \$14.95

**NEWEST WINTER BLOOMERS** — Order December Royalty and Pink Pinafore at regular price and get Winter Flame FREE.

**WINTER RAINBOW** — Any 5 of the 9 marked ♦ for.....\$3.95

"Am very new to gardening and last year ordered iris from you, and have been enjoying them since last December, when we had a grand display from Tournament Queen and San Pasqual. Is very rewarding to a new iris fan to have such lovely blossoms and large plants."—Mrs. E. W. Facer, Menlo Park, California.

## Beardless—STYLOSAS or Unguicularis

For Bloom from OCTOBER to MARCH

**USES AND BLOOMING TIME:** No other Iris is so indispensable in the garden, for these bloom from October to March, when there are so few other Iris or other flowers to gladden your heart. Foliage evergreen. Perfect for bright spots of color, and for cutting for winter decoration of the mantel and dining table. Different ones excel at different times, so get a number of color forms.

**CULTURE AND HARDINESS** (in brief): Grows in any soil, preferably in sun, or only partial shade. Will bloom off and on all winter between snowstorms. But in very cold climates best grown in pots, a cold frame or greenhouse for abundant flowers.

**SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIME:** Only in fall, when new root growth is starting. Order now.

**BRIDAL PINK STYLOSA** 4" A real rarity that I am cataloging again after many requests. A pale orchid pink, so clear and lovely it could fittingly be used in a bridal bouquet. The most charming stylosa I grow. Flowers massed above the very low foliage.....\$5.00; Clump \$10.00

**LARGE FLOWERED STYLOSA** Flowers often 4 to 5 inches across, nearly twice the size of common form. Bright lavender blue, with deep yellow signal. Very fragrant. An exclusive offering, so much in demand I recently had to withdraw it and may have to do so again. You'll be delighted with this improved variety. Stunning in a flat dish for winter table decoration.....\$2.50; Clump \$5.00

**WHITE STYLOSA** (Alba) Pure white with a deep yellow signal. Rare.....\$2.00

**MARbled STYLOSA** Most unusual. Clear lilac, marbled dark lilac in varying degrees.....\$1.50; Clump \$3.00

**COMMON STYLOSA** Common lavender-blue form, with the usual small flowers.....60c; Clump \$1.20; 5 Clumps \$4.95

### HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES OF MY HORNED IRIS

Unicorn, Plumed Delight & Mulberry Snow, see page 3

Alert hybridizers throughout the world have been quick to grasp the enormous breeding potentialities of this new alteration in the genes governing Iris form. I foresee that with this new character available to breeders, the recent trend for everyone to try his hand at crossing Flamingo pinks may well shift in this direction. The evolution of horned Iris in new colors will be rapid as the horned character is dominant and has come forth in the first generation of crosses with ordinary Iris.

The horned character is wholly new in the Iris world, and as such is not yet 100% constant. Individual flowers on the same plant sometimes vary in the extent to which they produce horns and in the length of the horns. I am, naturally, working to develop greater constancy in horn characteristics. My two 1955 introductions, and particularly Plumed Delight, are more constant in this than my first release, Unicorn. But well established plants of even Unicorn will often have long horns on every flower.

This new horned feature is strangely variable in its development. In the case of both Plumed Delight and Mulberry Snow the horn occasionally forms a decorative spoon at the end. Enterprising breeders will be able to use these two 1955 introductions as the starting point for an entirely new race of spooned Iris, surpassing even the horned Iris in decorative possibilities. PLACER MAID and FANCYANCY are from the same cross as the horned Iris.

### KODACHROME IRIS SLIDES FOR GARDEN CLUBS

I have developed a wonderful new set of nearly 100 35mm. Kodachrome slides showing in full color rare Iris of many types, particularly Arils, Arilbreds and the newest in Tall Bearded. Set is highly educational; contains pictures illustrating cultural and forcing techniques, exciting new Aril and Horned Iris seedlings, colorful general views of whole fields of Oncos, Regellas, Tall Bearded, etc. I send with slides a 5-page set of descriptions, explaining what is to be seen in each picture — same material I use when I show slides personally to groups of Iris enthusiasts, such as Utah Iris Society last fall. Rental fee for a showing of these slides is only \$10.00; even this is a deposit, subject to full refund as soon as I receive a list of the names and addresses of the members, and 10 or more 1956 orders of \$5.00 or more from your members. With each slide rental I supply for your Society or Club library a complimentary copy of my Rainbow Iris Manual and Supplement. Slides are in heavy demand, so get your rental order in at once, giving date desired.

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### SUBSTITUTIONS ON FREE IRIS

Throughout this catalog, or elsewhere, whenever I offer Iris free as a Premium, Gift, Bonus, etc. it is understood that if the free variety you request is SOLD OUT when your order arrives, I reserve the right to substitute other free Iris of the same or greater value. Order NOW and avoid Sold Outs.

### IRIS FOR DECEMBER Church Decorations

We arranged the local church decorations on December 9 using several hundred stalks of over 50 Iris varieties. It was when the Autumn bloomers were ending and the winter bloomers were starting. Outstanding were Lady Moon, Joseph's Mantle, Winter Flame, Sally Ann, Autumn Delight and Pink Pinafore. Even Autumn Twilight, which had been blooming for 4 months, had one stalk left! Now you try it.



# To Greatly Extend Your Iris Blooming Season UNUSUAL BEARDED IRIS

The Hardy DWARFS, LILLIPUTS, INTERMEDIATES, BORDER and TABLE IRIS  
CULTURE, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES for all 5 types: Same as for Tall Bearded, page 22

## Use The DWARFS To Begin Your Iris Season For MARCH-APRIL Bloom

USES: Low edgings, rock gardens and window boxes or pots. Rhizomes small.

**BLOOMING TIMES:** If you would like to be surprised and delighted each and every spring, then by all means plant some DWARFS. Unlike other Iris, they awake from their winter slumbers with the first inkling of spring warmth. Some morning, before you are expecting them, there they'll be, blooming away when winter has hardly left. From then on the "Iris fever" develops rapidly, and is soon at high pitch.

### COLOR GUIDE TO THE DWARFS

**PINK and MAUVE:** Cretica, Lavender Dawn, Little Jewel, Mist O'Pink, Promise & Rose Blush. All 6 for \$5.50

**REDDISH TONES:** Blazon, Bronya, Hill's Red Seedling & Little Giant. All 4 for \$4.10

**VARIEGATAS, or RED BICOLORS:** Fior del Mondo and Primus. Both for \$1.95

**BRONZE BEAUTIES:** Buster Brown and Little Mohee. Both for \$5.55

**YELLOW, LIGHT and DEEP:** Burchfield, Carpathia, and Moon Gleam. All 3 for \$2.50

**THE NEW GREENISH TONES:** Blarney and Whitone. Both for \$3.35

**LIGHT and DARK BLUES:** April Morn, Azurea and Blue Band. All 3 for \$3.65

**VIOLETS and AMOENAS:** Sparkling Eyes, Stylish, Silina and Violet Gem. All 4 for \$6.95

**MULBERRY, BRIGHT and DARK:** Little Balkan and Nana. Both for \$3.60

**AZUREA** EE-6" Truly delightful. A fairly large Dwarf, close to sky blue. Falls prettily veined in lilac; beard white..... **60c**

**BLARNEY** (Welch '50) E-5" Much heralded as the greenest bearded Iris in existence. Vies with Green Spot for top honors in this respect. Standards, arched, nearly white with faint lilac veins. Falls, pale olive green, heavily washed in soft dark lavender. Beard prominent, nearly white. A "must" for all breeders of DWARFS, and all working toward Green Iris. [(Fiancee x Fairy) x Cook 1546]..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**BLAZON** (Welch '52) EE-7" A true masterpiece. Deepest maroon self. Brilliant gold beard with spur and gold embroidery stitching radiating from beard, resembling some heraldic motif, which suggested the name. Fragrant, fertile. HM '52; Caparne Award '55 - [(Purple Beauty x Burchfield) x Biflora] x Self]..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50**

**BLUE BAND** (Cook '50) EE-6" Among the bluest DWARFS on the market today. A neat little blue bitone with long oval standards, somewhat erect, light blue; falls deeper, violet blue, with white beard and tiny white signal at end of beard. Pollen produced profusely. HM '52 - [Yellow Chamaeiris x Blue Pumila]..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

**BRONYA** E-5" A tiny miniature of refined form, very rich coloring. Standards mulberry; falls deep oxblood red, striking yellow beard. [Tony X Arenaria]..... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

**BURCHFIELD** EE-7" My favorite of yellow dwarfs. Extremely heavy bloom of intense yellow, almost orange. Can't be beat for a low carpet of brilliant color, either in rock garden or as an edging. Also tops for breeders. Best known variety for working toward a true orange dwarf. When crossed with violet dwarfs, gives blackish shades..... **75c**

**BUSTER BROWN** (Zickler '54) E-8" One of the two new browns, the first of this color in DWARFS. A bitone. Standards maple sugar brown, falls dark reddish brown. A heavy bloomer, blooming for a long time. HM '55 - [Tony X Arenaria]..... **\$3.00**

**FIOR DEL MONDO** (Hillson) E-11" A striking variegata in a novel pattern! Standards sulphur yellow. Falls ochre yellow, with strong variable markings in dark red. Orange beard. Popular. [Hill Sdg. x Yellow Frills]..... **\$1.00**

Upper left: SULINA; right: MOON GLEAM; lower left: FIOR DEL MONDO; right: AZUREA. All 4 for \$3.50



## True PUMILAS for Hybridizers

You may have all 6 for only \$8.75

Here, assembled for your convenience, are 6 forms of PUMILA, the True Miniatures in Dwarf Iris. Not only are these sought by every breeder of DWARFS, but in addition they are highly useful as pollen parents for crossing with various Tall Bearded varieties to get your own fascinating New Lilliput hybrids, like those produced by Paul Cook and Geddes Douglas. See next page.

**APRIL MORN** (Welch '52) EE-4" A flax blue self of smooth color with a blue beard. Wide flaring falls. Domed standards. Among earliest of all dwarfs. Breeders have sought a blue Pumila for years; at last it is here. Fully fertile both ways. HM '52; Caparne Award '54 - [Cook-1546 x Sulina]..... **\$2.00**

**CARPATIA** (Schreiner) EE-4" A real midget, 4" high. Standards clear light yellow, crinkled. Falls olive yellow, edged light yellow. Beard particularly interesting, outer part clear cream; inner part deepest orange. Exceedingly floriferous. A boon to every hybridizer. Scarce..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**CRETICA** EE-4" A tiny bright pink mauve, lilac beard. Produces blends in purplish to pinkish tones. Pollen blue, plentiful..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50**

**LITTLE BALKAN** (Welch '53) EE-5" Selected for fine color, excellent form. A rich red-mulberry, lavender beard. Nicely domed. Falls wide, flaring. A gem for the garden as well as a breeder's treasure. [Sulina x Nana]..... **\$1.50**

**NANA** EE-4" A highly novel midget, only 4" high. Standards satiny bright reddish mulberry. Falls blackish mulberry, neatly edged to match standards. Beard pale blue. Superb for hybridizing. So scarce this is my first cataloging since 1953. Order early!..... **\$3.00**

**SULINA** EE-4" A midget, only 4" high. A deep violet-blue self with a blackish violet area like a black signal around lilac-blue beard. Even the pollen is blue. It is believed all blue DWARFS stemmed from Sulina or some other similar form. So this is a collector's item for any Dwarf hybridizer..... **\$2.00**

**HILL'S RED SEEDLING** EE-6" Red DWARFS are scarce, and here is one of the nicest, a self in rich reddish wine with velvety falls. Light blue beard..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**LAVENDER DAWN** (Welch '53) E-5" A dwarf that is remarkable both for its flowers and its foliage. A new color in dwarfs, a lavender lilac with a lavender beard. As it throws 2 to 3 buds from each bloom stalk, it has a very long blooming season. Foliage sickle shaped, heavy, low and spreading, making an excellent ground cover. I have no other dwarf with foliage so suitable for this purpose. Leaves bright blue-green, staying evergreen well into November. [Balkan x I. Mellita]..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**LITTLE GIANT** (Marx '51) EE-6" Has the largest flowers of all dwarfs. Richly colored in deepest claret-red, of utmost brilliance. Wonderful for garden color; a great favorite here. Beard white, sharply contrasting with the deeply colored falls..... **\$1.00**

**LITTLE JEWEL** E-6" A splendid Dwarf done in silvery lilac rose pink with nicely cupped standards and nearly horizontal falls. Lovingly colored 60c; 3 for \$1.50

**LITTLE MOHEE** (Grapes '54) EE-5" A new and delightful blended brown bitone. Standards light brown, falls chestnut brown with narrow border of yellow. HM '54 - [Orange Queen x Pumila]..... **\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95**

**MIST O'PINK** E-9" A much-sought pink Dwarf. Bright rose-pink color, neat wide-extended falls. Beard yellow. Superior. [Rosemist x Arenaria]..... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

**MOON GLEAM** EE-7" Choice large light sulphur yellow set off by a deep yellow beard. Falls, flaring, much larger, broader than in most DWARFS. One of a new race of superior DWARFS. [Sound Money x Chamaeiris]..... **75c**

**PRIMUS** (Welch '50) EE-6" The truest and finest dwarf variegata in existence today. Standards clear yellow, nearly closed. Falls smooth, lustrous mahogany, or brownish red, with neat yellow border like standards. A profuse bloomer, and close to a perfect Dwarf. In great demand by both Dwarf fans and hybridizers. HM '50; Caparne '51 - [(Chamaeiris x Sass Dark Ruby) x Cook 1546]..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**PROMISE** (Cook) E-4" The finest pink dwarf I have seen. Really has promise! A nearly mauve pink, with stiffly flaring wide horizontal falls that give it great distinction. HM '52 - [Arenaria hybrid]..... **\$1.75**

**ROSE BLUSH** (Marx) EE-5" Perhaps the largest-flowered real Dwarf. Petals sometimes reach spread of 5 inches. A smooth delightful pinkish lavender self with spreading falls. Prominent white beard. Often re-blooms in fall..... **\$1.00**

**SPARKLING EYES** (Welch '54) E-7" The first true amoenia in the dwarfs. Standards pure white, falls blue-violet with white border. Beard white. Falls wide, flaring. Said to be the cutest dwarf seen at the great Dwarf Test Garden at Middlebury, Indiana—a miniature Wabash. HM '54 - [(San Francisco x Pumila) x Chamaeiris] x (Cook-1546 x Sulina)..... **\$5.00**

**STYLISH** (Welch '51) EE-8" Experts consider this as near perfection as any Dwarf. Should be an ideal parent for breeding. Walter Welch says "If it has a fault, I cannot find it." An absolutely new distinct color. A glowing petunia violet self with a blue beard, a rich ensemble. Wonderful wide petals, domed standards, flaring falls with clean hafts, heavy substance. Fertile. HM '52 - [Balkan x Endymion]..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**VIOLET GEM** (Cook '46) EE-7" A rich, dark blue-violet with a pretty light blue beard. Flowers nicely formed, produced in abundance. HM '50 - [Azurea x Pumila]..... **75c**

**WHITONE** (Welch '53) E-7" A new near-white that Walter Welch says is superior to all existing whites for display and breeding. Standards white, falls with infusion of chartreuse yellow. Beard white. Pollen plentiful. [Elegance x Fiancee x Fairy]..... **\$3.00**

**FANCIER'S COLLECTION**—Any 4 of the 7 marked E for only..... **\$4.25**

**BEGINNER'S RAINBOW RIOT**—Any 5 of the 6 marked E for only..... **\$2.95**

18 Wondering about the bardiness of my stock and the ease of growing it? Read the experiences of others in cold regions, page 36.



## COLOR GUIDE TO THE MEDIANS

Four classes of Iris of Medium Height—Useful in Garden Planning

In order of blooming: **LILLIPUTS (L); INTERMEDIATES (I); BORDER (Bo); TABLE (Ta)**

**PINKS:** Pink Dove (Ta); Pink Ruffles (Bo); Precious Gem (Ta); Rose Pearl (Bo). All 4 for \$3.75  
**REDS:** Copper Orange (Bo); Ruby Glow (I); Scarlet Tiger (Bo). All 3 for \$4.25  
**VARIETALS:** Cricket (Ta); Lodestar (Ta); Nambé (Ta); Rajah (Bo). All 4 for \$5.50  
**ORANGE:** Gold Intensity (Bo); Orange Twotone (Bo); Treasure Trove (Ta). All 3 for \$3.50  
**YELLOW:** Baria (L); Pigmy Gold (L); Titmouse (Ta); Tropic Moon (Bo). All 4 for \$4.50  
**GREENISH:** Doha (I); Green Hope (Ta); Green Spot (L). All 3 for \$10.50  
**BLUES:** Fairy Flax (L); Lilliput (L); St. Osyth (I). All 3 for \$3.60  
**LAVENDER BICOLORS:** Pearl Cup (Ta); Utah Fiesta (Bo). Both for \$2.10  
**WHITES:** Alaska (I); Daystar (Ta); Snow Maiden (I); Widget (Ta). All 4 for \$2.25

## The Earliest of Medians—**LILLIPUT HYBRIDS**

### For APRIL-MAY Bloom

**ORIGIN AND HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES:** A brand new type of Iris that makes multiple bloom stalks, giving a heavy, long blooming season. Recently created by Geddes Douglas and Paul Cook by applying pollen of the true PUMILA dwarfs (see blue box on opposite page) to various varieties of Tall Bearded Iris. Field is hardly touched yet; you can quickly produce some interesting new colors in Lilliput Hybrids. Color range so far is quite limited.

**BARIA** (Cook '51) E-10" A lovely smooth clear light yellow with spreading falls. Beard light yellow. Stems quite regularly 2-forked. Makes a mass of lovely bloom for a long time just after most of the dwarfs. HM'51—[Cook sdg. 10982 X yellow pumila].....\$1.50  
**FAIRY FLAX** (Cook '51) EE-11" A beautifully formed, flaring light flax blue. No pollen but will set seed. HM'51—[Cook 10942 X blue pumila].....\$1.50  
**GREEN SPOT** (Cook '51) E-12" A color break from all predecessors for your special attention. Imagine the novelty of a trim pure white flower with spreading horizontal falls having a half-inch patch of almost unbelievable bright medium green at end of beard. Holds untold possibilities for breeders desirous of increasing the amount of green. HM'51—[Cook TB No. 10942 X Yellow Pumila].....\$1.75  
**LILLIPUT** (Douglas '53) VE to E-15" A ruffled and flared light lobelia blue-orchid with a prominent spot of deep lobelia-blue on falls. White beard. As is often the case the Tall Bearded parent has given this Lilliput a brilliant color never before seen in small Iris. Two terminal flowers. Very long season of bloom. [Helen McGregor X pumila blue].....\$2.00

**PIGMY GOLD** (Douglas '53) VE to E-12" A brilliant yellow self of good form and habit. Falls flaring, very velvety. Somewhat resembles a Dwarf Iris but behaves very differently. Begins to bloom with the first Dwarfs and lasts until the Tall Bearded Iris are out. First stalks are scarcely 5" high; later, as weather warms up more and more stalks develop, these last stalks will usually reach a height of 10 to 12 inches. Very fragrant. [Orange Glow X pumila yellow].....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

**LILLIPUT COLLECTION:** Baria, Fairy Flax & Green Spot, a \$4.75 value for.....\$3.55

## Next Come **The INTERMEDIATES**

### For APRIL-MAY Bloom

**USES:** Plant just in back of your edging of Dwarfs. Also very useful in small gardens and special nooks where the big Tall Bearded Iris might seem out of place.

**BLOOMING TIME:** These fill the gap in blooming season between the early Dwarfs and Lilliputs and the Tall Bearded.

**CATALOGUED WITH ODDITIES:** page 21: Dorothea, Elizabeth Huntington & Zua.

**ALASKA** VE-28" An ice-white of exceptional purity. The best white intermediate. Nicely formed, with flaring falls. Enticingly fragrant.....75c  
**DOXA** VE-20" Standards pale cream, veined green. Fine for arrangements. Falls silvery white, flushed greenish yellow, half veined soft brown.....60c  
**RUBY GLOW** VE-22" Velvety ruby-red, brilliant orange beard.....75c  
**SNOW MAIDEN** VE-12" Pure white, very fragrant.....60c; 3 for \$1.50  
**ST. OSYTH** (Meyer) VE-26" A pale, duck egg blue self—one of the most beautiful blue Intermediates in cultivation. Pollen very potent for hybridizers.....\$1.00

**RAINBOW OF INTERMEDIATES:** All 5 of the above for only.....\$2.95

## Still Later **The Useful BORDER IRIS**

### For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**USES AND BLOOMING TIME:** Border Iris resemble Tall Bearded and bloom at the same time, but are shorter—under 30" in height. Thus they are used very extensively in front of Tall Bearded to supply the needed graduation in height from path to tallest varieties at back. Also ideally adapted to small, personal gardens, special nooks. On elevated terraces their low stature prevents their flowers from coming at too high a level.

**COPPER ORANGE** (Salbach '41) M-20" Brilliant. Standards intense copper orange; falls approaching scarlet. My most vivid Iris for so modest a price.....\$1.00

**GOLD INTENSITY** (Austin '54) EM-22" Standards intense smooth yellow, much deeper than in Ola Kala. Falls smooth, very deep orange yellow with an orange beard. A heavy bloomer often with 3 blooms out at once. Almost a self, and a very smooth and rich coloring. Admirable for arrangements. Plenty of pollen.....\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

**ORANGE TWOTONE** (Austin '53) EM-24" A striking bitone resembling Rocket. Standards very deep yellow, arched, meeting. Falls bright reddish-orange and, unlike Rocket, with a bright yellow edging, making a stunning flower. Beard bright yellow. Quite unlike any other Border Iris. Pollen abundant.....\$2.00

**PINK RUFFLES** M-27" Exquisite lilac-pink, heavily ruffled.....60c

**RAJAH** (Smith '44) EM-20" Clear bright yellow standards. Falls deep red, with brilliant crimson flush in the center, and striking orange-yellow beard. Large, nicely rounded flowers. Well branched, heavy bloomer. [Cadetou X Marvellous.] In life-like color \$1.50

**ROSE PEARL** E to M-28" My personal favorite. Standards opalescent ivory pink; falls deep rose, gilded gold. Long blooming period, early April to mid May.....75c

**SCARLET TIGER** (Austin '53) E to M-25" Harmonizing red bitone with falls close to scarlet. Standards light yellow, flushed red. Beard bright orange. Profuse bloomer. Pollen abundant. Excellent breeder for new Border Iris, or to add life and brilliance to new Tall Bearded reds.....\$3.50 ➤ 3 for \$7.85

**TROPIC MOON** (Stevens '50) EM-30" A happily named lemon-cream with a light yellow beard. Falls somewhat flaring. Very good substance. Originated in Australia. Fragrant. Sets seed.....\$2.00

**UTAH FIESTA** (Muhlestein '48) M-22" Standards glistening golden buff, closer to gold than yellow. Falls light lavender, heavily flushed golden buff.....\$1.00

**HIGHEST BORDER IRIS:** Gold Intensity, Scarlet Tiger & Tropic Moon, only.....\$3.45

**OLDER BORDER IRIS:** Copper Orange, Utah Fiesta & Pink Ruffles, 3 for only.....\$2.00



**RAJAH**—A real eye-catcher—Only \$1.50

## You Need **TABLE IRIS** For Arrangements

### For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**USES AND BLOOMING TIME:** A distinct and especially useful type of Iris, resembling the Border Iris, and blooming late with them. But here the deal is small flowers, gracefully arranged on slender stems and with narrow foliage. Hence much better adapted to table decoration and picturesque arrangements than most Bearded Iris.

**CATALOGUED WITH ODDITIES:** Kaleidoscope and Rhythm, page 21.

### 1956 INTRODUCTION

**GREEN HOPE** (Rees-Austin '56) M-28" I am co-introducing this with originator, George Nicholas Rees, author of several splendid Iris poems I have used in the catalog. A light chartreuse self, soft olive veining at haft. Bright yellow beard. Apparently all who saw it in originator's garden wanted it. Visitors were impressed with the extent that it is saturated with green and remarked that it is greener than Green Pastures. Mr. Rees, who lives in the Ozark Mts. of Missouri, says he has found it fully cold-hardy. Fertile both ways, so should be highly interesting to all breeding for greens. Bloomed heavily for me last November. May turn out to be a regular twice-bloomer. Fragrant. [Missouri Night X The Black Douglas].....\$10.00

**DAYSTAR** LM-20" Most unusual, a dainty creamy white with a vivid cadmium-orange beard. Flowers very small, adapted to various special uses. Thin, wiry stems.....75c

### Finest of All **TABLE IRIS**

**LODESTAR** (Hall) M-24" An eye-catching variegata. Standards bright yellow; falls dark scarlet, edged yellow. Possesses a brightness and clarity of color and a contrast hardly equaled anywhere in the Iris world. My personal favorite of all Table Iris and one I eagerly await each spring. You'll do the same! A very heavy bloomer. Tends to sell out every time I catalog it, so it may not be available next year. [(Gajus x ...) X Iris King].....\$2.25; 3 for \$5.95

**NAMBE** M-21" Produces a blue and gold effect. Standards golden Empire yellow; falls Horseshoe violet blended to a margin of Empire yellow.....75c; 3 for \$2.10

**PEARL CUP** (Knowlton) ML-16" A pleasing new color pattern in Table Iris. A dainty soft colored amena. Standards erect, white with interesting green veins along the mid-rib. Falls, flaring, amethyst, faintly edged in white. Beard novel, dark gold-bronze. Sweetly fragrant. [Amigo X Spun Gold].....\$1.50

**PINK DOVE** (Austin '54) M-26" Standards lilac pink, arched, slightly open, exposing pure white style arms, each with a striking lavender ridge down the center. Falls deep lilac rose, reflexed, with a bright yellow beard. Stems quite slender making this variety very suitable for arrangements. [Dagrose X self].....\$2.00

**PRECIOUS GEM** (Nelson '50) M-24" A new pattern in the Table Iris class, namely, a lovely rose plicata with white ground and a stitching and stippling of mulberry rose. A vigorous grower and a good increaser. A descendant of the famous Parisiana, one of the parents of William Mohr. One you will fall in love with.....\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

**PRECIOUS JEWEL** (Nelson '50) M-34" A dainty-stemmed violet-red bitone with falls darker than the standards. Petals neatly edged in brown. Distinctive.....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**TITMOUSE** M-32" Amber yellow, speckled and edged deep violet.....60c

**TREASURE TROVE** (Sturtevant '40) L-26" Deep orange yellow. Vigorous, tireless. A gem in color harmony for arrangements or border.....75c

**TWO FOR TEA**—Twice-blooming pink Table Iris, see Autumns, page 12.....\$1.25

**WIDGET** 24" Here is a whimsical baby white plicata, so naive and delicate you will adore it. Standards white, speckled deep lavender; falls edged and peppered in the same tone. Beard blue-white. Imagine its usefulness in arrangements.....75c

**TABLE IRIS RAINBOW:** Nambé, Precious Jewel, Titmouse & Widget for only \$2.50

While many garden plants are best moved in the winter, Iris are different. Most Iris are best planted in the SUMMER; a few kinds in the FALL, as explained under the different types of Iris. It is to your advantage to place your order soon after this catalog reaches you.



# These THREE Types of Graceful **BEARDLESS IRIS** Will Make Yours A Garden Paradise

## SIBERIANS—For Poolside or Garden

### For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Tall Beardless Iris with slender grass-like leaves; graceful and fairy-like. Leaves die down late fall, and do not sprout up until spring.

**USES:** Since these flowers so heavily when well established they are unsurpassed for color masses as accent clumps in mixed border; particularly effective near pools and lawns. Also fine as cut flowers.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS** (in brief): Native habitats make it evident that these Iris are all perfectly cold-hardy. They are of the easiest culture, and while they do best in fairly moist, slightly acid soil, they will grow in almost any garden bed. Heaviest bloom is secured in full or partial sun.

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Chiefly in fall; sometimes in summer. But order now.

### COLOR GUIDE TO SIBERIANS

**PINKS:** Ahalya, Fairy Dawn, Lady Godiva, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Rowe. All 5 for \$5.50

**REDs:** Eric the Red, Helen Astor, Red Emperor and Towanda Redflame. All 4 for \$4.50

**LIGHT and BRIGHT BLUES:** Gatteau, Kingfisher Blue, Mountain Lake, My Love, Summer Sky and Zerita. All 6 for \$5.45

**DARK BLUES and VIOLETS:** Blue Moon, Caezars Brother, Gayheart, Grandis, Nigrescens, Ottawa and Tycoon. All 7 for \$6.50

**WHITES:** Crystal Charm, Snowy Egret, Tunkhannock and White Dove. All 4 for \$3.95

**AHALYA** (Nesmith '32) E-26" No true pink self as yet. This is the closest I've found. Almost the earliest Siberian to bloom. A pale, pearly lilac pink with broad spreading falls. Scarce..... **\$1.50**

**BLUE MOON**—Very novel, large flat flowers. See page 21..... **\$4.00**

### Best Inexpensive Siberian

**CAEZARS BROTHER** (Morgan '32) EM-48" One of my personal favorites, favored by many of our visitors over all other inexpensive varieties. A well-established clump is really spectacular, due to the masses of large dark violet flowers, very velvety, on four-foot stems. Outstanding, in great demand. Morgan Award '53..... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

**CRYSTAL CHARM** (Scheffy '49) E-30" A new arrival and a favorite of all who see it. Petals of purest sparkling white. Standards widely open, edges delightfully crimped. Falls relaxed, displaying the orchid-like standards. Exceptional branching. A profuse bloomer. Charming and especially lovely for cutting. Much in demand as it is the earliest Siberian..... **\$1.50**

**ERIC THE RED** (Whitney '44) EM-30" The standard of comparison in red Siberians. Immense flowers in glowing wine-red with broad flaring falls. Floriferous. RU Morgan Award '51; AM'46..... **\$2.00**

**FAIRY DAWN** (Scheffy '53) E-24" A new introduction to delight all lovers of the delicate and lovely in Iris. First pink bicolor in Siberians. Standards white, falls flushed rose giving a general effect of pale pink. A gem for the front border..... **\$2.50**

**GATINEAU** (Preston '32) □40" A favorite of mine. Immense azure blue with horizontal, prettily veined falls..... **.75c; 3 for \$2.10**

**GAYHEART** □EM-48" Large, dark velvety violet with striking white heart..... **.75c; 3 for \$2.10**

**GRANDIS** 48" One of the most unique, interesting of all Siberian color patterns. Standards narrow, erect uniform mulberry. Falls much broader, white, sharply veined in dark mulberry. Extremely floriferous, blooms carried high above foliage. Wonderfully effective, unusual for landscape work..... **\$1.50**

**HELEN ASTOR** (Whitney-Kellogg '38) EM-30" The one and only bright rosy red Siberian, one you could hardly pass by if you were to see it. Large, exquisite, a real color break. Seed parent of Eric the Red. HM'41; AM'42..... **\$1.25; 3 for \$3.45**

**KINGFISHER BLUE** □EM-54" Attracts everyone's attention as it is our tallest Siberian, often reaching 5 feet. A pretty light blue, veined in darker blue..... **.75c**

**LADY GODIVA** (Perry) E-34" Dainty light lavender-pink. Always a sell-out! **\$1.00**

**MOUNTAIN LAKE** (Gersdorff '38) EM-36" A beauty in deep medium blue, slightly ruffled. Center of flower and styles are lighter blue. Very effective due to its crisp, cool appearance. HM'42; AM'44..... **\$1.25; 3 for \$3.45**

**MRS. PERRY** (Perry) M to L-30" Light lilac-pink, similar to Mrs. Rowe, but blooms later. Together they give a very long season. The only Siberian I have seen with such pronounced decorative style-arms..... **\$1.00**

CAEZAR'S BROTHER  
SNOWY EGRET

GRANDIS  
NIGRESCENS

OTTAWA  
AHALYA

**MRS. ROWE** (Perry) E to M-30" Beautiful in a vase when cut in bud. Blooms after Ahalya. A dainty light lavender pink. Very profuse bloomer..... **\$1.00**

### The Only TWICE-BLOOMING Siberian

**MY LOVE** (Scheffy '49) E-LM-46" A sensational Siberian that is a real break. Unlike all of its kind, it has regularly rebloomed in July, in the cold Massachusetts climate, without forcing. Now released so breeders can start crossing with various colors to get a whole race of summer blooming Siberians. A large, stately soft medium blue of fine form and finish. One of the tallest, nearly 4 feet, and probably the best branched. Strong growth, long blooming season. A "must" for all who want the very latest and best in Siberians..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

**NIGRESCENS** M-28" An extremely rare, very choice form with flowers almost jet-black. Infinitely valuable to hybridizers, as it gives dark velvets. Not available elsewhere..... **\$2.50**

**OTTAWA** EM-32" Very unique. Falls well rounded. A very bright yet dark blue-violet with a white patch and blue veining..... **\$1.00**

**RED EMPEROR** M-28" Quite unique; wine red, veined in blue. Exciting **\$1.25**

**SNOWY EGRET** (Cleveland '38) EM-36" One of the prettiest of all Siberians due to the unique ruffling of the large exceptionally pure white petals. Falls bright yellow at the harts. Tall and impressive..... **\$1.50**

**SUMMER SKY** □EM-32" A very novel and appealing color combination. Pale blue petals, strongly contrasting with pure white prominent style arms..... **.75c**

**TOWANDA REDFLARE** (Scheffy '49) 38" By far the newest red, already in great demand. A tall, large, brilliant red self, with wide petals and flaring falls. Between Helen Astor and Eric the Red in tone..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**TUNKHANNOCK** (Scheffy '45) M-30" One of the newest Siberians in my Collection. By far the largest and finest white of all. Simply superb, with great widely-spreading broad falls..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**TYCOON** (Cleveland '38) M-34" The largest Siberian and one I can recommend to give you a sensational display. So outstanding was in color in Bul. 95; on cover of Sept. '44 Flower Grower. Richly colored in deep blue-violet. Now priced way down, so you need wait no longer. Morgan Award '51..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**WHITE DOVE** □EM-50" Tallest, most vigorous white, with golden throat. Flaring falls. Wonderful for backgrounds, or near trees or shrubs..... **.75c**

**ZERITA** (Scheffy '49) Distinct, interesting color pattern that stands out in any planting of Siberians. Petals medium blue contrasting prominently with rose-red styles. Similar to much-liked Zest, but taller, larger flowers..... **\$1.50**

### "GET ACQUAINTED" Collections

**COLOR PLATE COLLECTION**—The 6 Siberians shown in color, only **\$6.75**

**5 COLOR SPECIAL**—Mrs. Rowe (Pink), Helen Astor (Red), Mountain Lake (Blue), Tycoon (Violet), Tunkhannock (White), for only..... **\$4.55**

**LOT FOR A LITTLE**—The 5 marked □ for only..... **\$2.95**

## Tall **SPURIAS** or Butterfly Iris

### For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**USES:** Superb for tall accent clumps at rear of perennial borders. The flowers keep so long when cut and make such inspiring cut flowers the florists use them extensively.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS** (in brief): Fully hardy, easy to grow. Will bloom in sun or part shade, in either acid or basic soil, and will stand considerable crowding of other plants. Fertilize soil in advance of planting. Keep soil moist during growing season.

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Chiefly in the fall, but order NOW to get your pick.

### COLOR GUIDE TO SPURIAS

**YELLOW:** Fifth Symphony and Monnieri for \$1.35; **BRONZE:** Bronzspur, Golden Agate and Russet Flame for \$2.75; **BLUE:** Azure Dawn and Dutch Defiance for \$2.95; **WHITE:** White Heron \$2.50

**AZURE DAWN** 48" Smooth lavender blue, lemon signal. Graceful..... **\$1.00**

**BRONZSPUR** (Nies '41) △ 55" Try it as a cut flower. A pleasing, unusual combination of sepia, old gold and yellow, giving a general effect of brownish tan. The beauty is enhanced by artificial light. A splendid parent. AM'45..... **\$1.00**

**DUTCH DEFIANCE** (Nies '43) 36" Blue is a rare and particularly effective color in Spurias and here is the best of the blues. Has attracted much attention as it has such splendid form, finish and substance. Charming enhanced by a yellow signal on frilled falls. AM'49..... **\$2.50**

**FIFTH SYMPHONY** (Nies) △ 36" Very decorative, deep yellow veined with golden brown, creating an almost orange effect. Falls frilled and spreading. Very effective for flower arrangements..... **\$1.00**

**GOLDEN AGATE** (Nies '48) △ 42" Very few have ever seen real brown Iris, and particularly not in Spurias, so here is one that will excite the admiration of every visitor to your garden. Standards medium to dark brown; falls have a deep, rich yellow under-color with a broad dark brown band running entirely around the blade. A profuse bloomer on tall stalks. Flowers well spaced..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**MONNIERI** The best inexpensive yellow for mass plantings..... **3 for \$1.45**

**RUSSET FLAME** △ 40" Rich russet over deep yellow. Charming..... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**WHITE HERON** (Milliken '48) Perhaps the giant of all Spurias. Superb in form and quality, too. Creamy-white with yellow shading at center. HM'50..... **\$2.50**

**SPURIA COLLECTION**—The 4 marked △ for only..... **\$3.50**

See page 17 for the winter-blooming **STYLOSAS**





# Iris **ODDITIES** and **RARITIES**

The Most Interesting and Unusual Iris for YOUR Iris Wonderland

## The Attention-Getting **FLAT-TYPE** Iris

**BLUE MOON** M-36" The first Siberian with flat flowers like a Japanese Iris. Imagine a Siberian with flowers 5" across, both standards and falls practically horizontal. Falls very broad, nearly 2" across; standards nearly as wide. Standards and falls **deep violet blue contrasting with fully exposed pretty pale blue style arms.** Destined to become as popular as the famous Tycoon. A wonderful "find" for any breeder. .... \$4.00

**DOROTHEA** VE-16" Trim modern form with nicely arched standards and stiff flaring falls? Goodness no, this has that delightful **wind-blown effect which departs from all formality.** A pale lavender white, flushed and dappled amethyst. May prove useful in breeding toward Bearded Iris of a flat "Japanese" style. AM RHS '16 ..... 75c; 3 for \$2.10

**PINAFORE LASS** (F. Cook '51) EM-38" Falls almost circular, heavily gathered and pleated so that the **form of the flower is like nothing you've seen before**—but in a way it has the flatness and appeal of a Japanese Iris. The coloring, too, carries out this similarity, for the white center suggests a blaze on Japanese Iris. From this glowing whiteness there are ever-deepening tints of lavender-blue out to the deeper colored scalloped margins. If you want something really novel, **this is the Iris to get.** Quite fragrant. HM-52—[Snow Flurry X White Wedgewood] ..... \$4.00

**RHYTHM** (Ballard '54) M to ML-24" Another phenomenal break in Iris for M. The first flat Iris with six bearded falls ever to be introduced in this country. A **whimsical freak of nature**, entirely without the usual three standards characterizing all normal Iris. See June, 1953, Flower Grower, page 4, for description and photo. Coloring is deep indigo violet, except for whitish hafts with brilliant yellow beards, and prominent pure white style arms in center of flower. A novel item for arrangement fans. While not highly fertile, some seedlings from Rhythm have been produced by Mr. Ballard, and it thus offers an intriguing challenge to adventurous breeders eager to get this highly distinctive form in various bright new colors. Be the first to accomplish this. A diploid with 24 chromosomes. [Alcazar x Archeveque] X Candelabra ..... \$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.95

**SILVER PLATTER** (Craig '50) M-45" An immense flower on tall stalks. As name indicates has strong tendency to flatten out and thus become very impressive. Almost a self in sky blue with falls slightly more lavender. Substance exceptionally good. Beard cream, tipped with yellow. Gives a very interesting shimmering blue effect. Pollen available in moderate quantities. [Acropolis X Destiny] X Great Lakes] ..... \$2.00

**WESTWAYS** (White '36) M-18" A surprising little Oncobred that is flat, tiny and decorative. Standards pale lilac, nearly white in center, spreading out horizontally. Strangely the tops of the style arms are as visible as the standards and similarly colored. Falls deep lilac, sharply curved back under, just beyond end of beard, thus giving the flower a unique form, unlike any other Iris. Style arms strongly arched, almost hiding the whitish beard tipped in orange. A dainty and very different flower. Superb for small arrangements. [Uremiensis X Bonita] ..... 75c

**YELLOW EAGLE** (Austin '54) EM to ML-36" A new Tall Bearded Iris that has greatly impressed our visitors on two scores. First, many of the flowers flatten out like wings of an eagle, or like a Japanese Iris, within a day or so after they open. These **huge flat flowers often have a spread of 7" or more**, and are ideal for use in a shallow type container on the dining table. Secondly, while Yellow Eagle is high branched, it produces such a **great profusion of blooms** that it attracts everyone's attention from across the garden. Blooming season extends from early to late. A light yellow self with a bright yellow beard. **Should be in the collection of every breeder working for flat-type Iris form.** [Snow Flurry X Spun Gold] ..... \$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

## Iris of **CURIOUS FORM**

**DOUBLE EAGLE** (Samuelson '54) M-40" Breeders have been searching for double Iris for decades, but until **Double Eagle** appeared none were sufficiently constant or outstanding to warrant introduction. Fortunately for hybridizers it is not the last word in double Iris, but leaves room for improvement. The first flowers that open and the last ones commonly have the usual three standards and three falls, but **flowers of the main bloom tend to toss aside what has been conventional for Iris for centuries**, and often develop with **six to twelve standards**, beautifully ruffled and waved. Heavy substance holds the multiple standards well apart, permitting the startling double effect to be fully apparent even from a distance. The color is a rare shade of coppery chartreuse or greenish yellow, which immediately places it in the category of Iris **sought by breeders of greens.** A hardy, vigorous grower with tall, well-branched stalks and large flowers up to 7" tall and 6" wide. Mr. Lamb reports fine behavior last year in Iowa and in various parts of the East. Will set seed ..... \$10.00 ➤ 3 for \$19.95

**THURLOW WEED** (Weed '43) EM-38" The oddest and strangest Iris in my entire garden. Instead of the usual 3 standards and 3 falls, which characterize practically all Iris, this has **6 nearly identical petals** that are **strongly curved and arched in open cup-like fashion.** The form of the flower is more like a pitcher plant or fly-catcher, or even a golden tulip, than an Iris. The 3 petals corresponding to falls sometimes have slight vestiges of beards down inside, but all 6 petals are quite beardless from external appearance. So this is, essentially, a "Bearded" Iris without a beard—and without petals that act as falls. There are no stamens, but stigmas are normal, so crossing would seem possible. A creamy white, heavily flushed and veined in yellow. **\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95**

## The Two **CREPE PAPER** Iris

**ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON** VE-20" Most novel of all blue Iris. A most remarkable and interesting Intermediate Iris with **petals heavily crinkled like crepe paper.** Large flowers in lilac-blue, deeper in the falls. Pollen plentiful. [Sport of Zua] ..... 75c

**ZUA** VE-14" The **original crepe-paper Iris** with petals more crinkled and creped than in any other variety. An early-blooming Intermediate Iris that takes everyone's fancy. A most unusual and interesting **frosty-white**, faintly flushed pale blue. I have no other Iris like this, except its sport, Elizabeth Huntington, listed above. These two would seem to offer breeders great possibilities in developing a whole series of rainbow colors with flowers having this distinctive texture. [Sport of Florentina] ..... 60c



**ZEBRA**—Needed in every garden—2 for \$1.85

## The Only **ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE** Iris

**ZEBRA** (Pallida variegata) M-30" A novelty needed in every garden. The only Iris with leaves striped in creamy yellow and green in a pattern much like that of a zebra. Has striking ornamental value from March to November. Also, just the thing for individualistic flower arrangements and corsages. Flowers light blue. Best used as edgings or clumps to attract attention, so I give you special group prices. **See Ektachrome** ..... 2 for \$1.85; 5 for \$3.95

## Iris Splashed with **EXOTIC MARKINGS**

**DAFFY** (DeForest '47) M-38" The creamy-white ground of the falls is **peppered and boldly marbled and zebra-striped** in maroon-violet in an infinitely variable manner. Valuable to hybridizers as this striking color-pattern often appears in its seedlings. **\$1.25**

**HARLEQUIN** (Stevens '49) ML-32" A fantastic Iris that looks as if it has Onco blood, but apparently is pure Tall Bearded. Silvery falls have a perky horizontal flare, not only veined like a butterfly's wings, but bizarrely stippled, dappled chocolate and purple to match feathery standards. Exotic, never-to-be-forgotten. Its weird beauty makes visitors exclaim. Like King's Jester but I prefer this as it has **much heavier and broader flower parts.** [Seeding X Tiffany] ..... \$1.50

**KALEIDOSCOPE** (Katkamier '49) EM-25" One for Ripley. Yes, a believe-it-or-not Iris in a realistic kaleidoscope pattern. Conceive, if you can, falls in ivory white, **boldly and erratically marked with extremely variable veins and blotches of dark maroon**, all the sharp defined edges contrasting strikingly with the ground color. Standards, light yellow. A **strange freak of nature** like this is genetically known as a **chimera.** This variety is a delicate and graceful Table Iris on a slender stem, and it will make the most striking bouquets imaginable ..... \$1.00

**WEIRDIE** (Craig '49) EM-36" Falls bright purplish-crimson set off by intense yellow hafts, gradually changing to white around end of beard, giving a strange and fascinating effect. Standards pale yellow flushed light rosy lilac. A color pattern somewhat resembling my Mulberry Snow but with intense lemon yellow substituted for the white. One that always attracts attention as it is so different. Pollen plentiful. [Sister to Rich Raiment] ..... \$1.50

## Novel **CRESTED IRIS** — (Evansia)

**PALTEC** (Evansia-Bearded) EM-18" A hybrid resulting from crossing two entirely distinct types of Iris, namely Pallida, from Tyrol in Austria, with Tectorum from Yunnan in southwestern China. A dainty sky-blue self of rare beauty, having the beard of Pallida superimposed on the crest of Tectorum ..... 75c

**TECTORUM** 15" In Japan we find Tectorum, the famous roof-Iris, growing on the thatched roofs of the houses. Dykes considers this the **best garden plant in the Evansia Section.** Its broad leaves are strongly ribbed and most attractive. Flowers usually a deep lilac blue, quite flat as standards extend out nearly horizontally. The falls are mottled and have a **jagged white crest** ..... \$1.00

## For Winter Bouquets — **ORNAMENTAL-SEEDED IRIS**

**CHRISTMAS IRIS** (Iris foetidissima) 24" The only Iris with ornamental seed pods that burst open exposing the brilliant scarlet seeds, for all the world like red holly berries. Splendid dark green, evergreen foliage. Iris fans could wish for nothing finer or more decorative for the Christmas dining table. Flowers inconspicuous. The best of all Iris for shady spots; yet it thrives in sun. Fully hardy ..... 2 for \$1.55; 5 for \$2.95

**CHOICE ODDITIES**—Rhythm, Yellow Eagle and Thurlow Weed for only ..... \$6.95

**BEGINNER'S ODDITIES**—Zebra, Dorothea, Westways and Weirdie ..... \$2.95

## WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

Do you have any very strange or unusual Iris among your seedlings or even among your named varieties? If you have some not included in this catalog, I shall be glad to hear from you.



# The Iris Rainbow

PINKS - FLAMINGO PINKS - ORCHID PINKS - PASTEL PINKS - PEACH PINKS - ROSE PINKS - PINK BITONES AND BICOLORS - PINK PLOCATAS  
 REDS - VIVID RED PLOCATAS - CRIMSON AND BLUE BLENDS - CRIMSON SELFS - SCARLET SELFS - RED BITONES - HARMONIZING BICOLORS - CONTRASTING BICOLORS  
 ORANGE - VARYING HUES OF ORANGE - BITONES AND BICOLORS - SALMON AND APRICOT BLENDS - BUFF AND BROWN BEAUTIES - BRONZE AND COPPER  
 YELLOW - ENRICHED WITH BROWN OR CHARTREUSE - THE GREENISH WHITES - OLIVE AND CRESS GREENS - BITONES AND BICOLORS - EMERALD - YELLOW PLOCATAS  
 GREENS - SEA-FOAM GREEN - SKY BLUE TONES - BLUE PLOCATAS - BRIGHT AND DEEP BLUES - BITONES AND BICOLORS - VIOLET BITONES AND BICOLORS  
 BLUES - PALE BLUES - BLUE-VIOLETS AND ROYAL PURPLES - THE NEAR BLACKS - THE BLACK BICOLORS - LAVENDER FANCIES - GREY AND SILVER BEAUTIES  
 VIOLETS - IRIS IN LAVENDER AND BICOLORS - WITH LAVENDER OR YELLOW INFLUENCE - PURE WHITES  
 LAVENDERS - WHITE PLOCATAS AND BICOLORS

OVER 400

## TALL BEARDED IRIS


Alphabetical Listing Preceded by Comprehensive  
 Guides to Color and Season of Bloom

COLOR GUIDE TO TALL BEARDED IRIS

Varieties arranged to form a Living Spectrum in rhythmic transition from color to color

Since the IRIS is the **Rainbow Flower**, it is quite natural that everyone immediately wants to know what varieties, old and new, are available in each of the different colors and flower patterns. It is a great help in deciding what to buy, to be able to quickly look up the merits and prices of the various varieties offered in any given color class. Also, garden planning for effective color harmonies is made easy when one has handy for reference really comprehensive lists of the **up-to-date varieties** of any desired color.

Amateur and professional Iris breeders alike will find the color groups below a great service since they provide, at reduced prices, the very groups of similarly-colored varieties that the experts regularly assemble and then interbreed to bring about improvements in the color classes in question.

To make my 52 color classes EASY to find and understand, I group them under red main color headings, corresponding very closely to the actual color bands in the rainbow above. The "New and Scarce" varieties (indicated by the symbol ) are not as yet included in the Color Guide, but many will be added next year, as stocks become more plentiful. There is no easier way to make your garden a mecca for Iris lovers than to include at least one choice variety in each of my 52 color classes.

### FLAMINGO PINKS

From FRED DeFOREST: Cloudcap, Court Carnival, Marsala, All 4 for \$10.85  
 DAVID HALL'S Newer Pinks: Dolly Varden, Happy Birthday, Palomino and Tally-Ho. All 4 for \$19.95  
 DAVID HALL'S Older Pinks: Ballerina, Cherie, Fantasy, Fuchsia, Heather Rose, Heritage, Pink Sensation and Radiation. All 8 for \$15.95  
 From E. E. LAPHAM: Nora and Paradise Pink. Both for \$5.95  
 From SIR CEDRIC MORRIS: Benton Ophelia, Benton Petunia, Craithie & Strathmore. All 4 for \$10.00  
 From TELL MUHLESTEIN: Party Dress and Pink Formal. Both for \$3.75  
 From OTHERS: Cherry Flip, Love Story, Pagan Princess and Pink Flare. All 4 for \$4.90  
 Also try the 1954 Dykes Medal winner, Mary Randall, \$12.00

### ORCHID PINKS

ORCHID and PASTEL PINKS: Chantilly, Pathfinder, Pink Bountiful and Pink Plume. All 4 for \$4.95  
 DEEP PINK and BITONES: Brilliant Rose, Cordolon, Maytime and Phalanx. All 4 for \$10.95

### REDS

The Newer RED SELFS: Ali Baba, Big Time and Spellbound. All 3 for \$11.00  
 Also try Frontier Days, \$10.00, and Great Day, \$15.00  
 The Older RED SELFS: Flaming Fire, Garnet Glow, Heart's Desire, Pacemaker, Plum Pretty, Quechee, Regis Royal, Rosabella, Sarah Goodie, Technicolor and The Mad Hatter. All 11 for \$22.95  
 The Vivid RED PLOCATAS: Fancy Feather, Fire Dance and Rich Raiment. All 3 for \$5.20  
 The RED BITONES: Crimson Beauty, Fancy Velvet and Ruffled Apache. All 3 for \$16.25  
 The RED BI-COLORS: Fort Ticonderoga and Staten Island. Both for \$2.75

### ORANGE

TANGERINE BEARDED APRICOTS and APRICOT PINKS: Apricot Glory, Apricot Supreme, Clasmont, Hi-Time, Melody Lane. All 5 for \$9.95  
 Also try June Bride, \$5.00; Temple Bells, \$7.50; and Top Flight, \$5.00  
 GOLDEN ORANGE SELFS: Benton Lusander, Gold Sovereign and Royal Sovereign. All 3 for \$5.25  
 SALMON and APRICOT BLENDS: Utah Sunset and Weiride. Both for \$3.50

### BROWNS

Newest in BRONZE and COPPER: Al Borak, Bronze Symphony, Inca Chief and Oriental Glory. All 4 for \$20.75  
 Older BRONZE and COPPER: Bold Copper, Chantimorena, Placerita and Rainbow Room. All 4 for \$6.25  
 BUFF TONED IRIS: Amazon Tan, Benton Olive, Maxwellton, Ruffed Gump and The Tanager. All 5 for \$8.75  
 BROWN BEAUTIES: Argus Pheasant, Golden Russet, Midcontinent and Pretty Quadroon. All 4 for \$8.80  
 Also try Dark Chocolate, \$18.00, and Thomes III, \$5.00

### YELLOWS

Newest in BRIGHT YELLOWS: Robert Alexander, Solid Gold and Spotlight. All 3 for \$15.90  
 Older BRIGHT YELLOWS: Court Herald, Gold Castle, Lindora and Phantom Gold. All 4 for \$6.35  
 Newest in LIGHT YELLOWS: Dancing Tiger, Limglight and Silver Sunlight. All 3 for \$11.25  
 LIGHT YELLOW Old Favorites: Leading Lady, Mattie Gates, Star, The Knockout, Thurlow Weed, Whispers and Yellow Eagle. All 7 for \$10.90

USES: Tall Bearded Iris are adapted by height, size of flowers, and by the wide range of colors, for your main colorful displays in late spring. My Supplement gives many detailed suggestions on utilizing these and other Iris.

CULTURE AND HARDINESS: All Bearded Iris are of the easiest culture and will thrive in almost any garden bed. Select a well-drained spot that is at least partially sunny, and preferably in full sun. Well in advance of planting thoroughly mix in some well-rotted manure or complete commercial fertilizer. If soil is at all inclined to be soggy, plant on raised beds or ridges. Space the rhizomes 12" to 15" apart. Cover the rhizome (bulb-like portion) only about one-half inch, but set the slender roots deeply and well spread out. Water thoroughly. Keep moderately moist at least

YELLOW BICOLORS: Mystic Melody, Pinnacle, Summit and Truly Yours. All 4 for \$12.35

TANGERINE-BEARDED CREAMS: Ruffon Damozel and Tangerine Cream. Both for \$2.95

CREAM SELFS and BITONES: Ruffled Bouquet, Ruffled Organdy and Star Shine. All 3 for \$6.75  
 Also try Plumed Delight, \$50.00

### GREENS

The Newest in CHARTREUSE or YELLOW-GREEN: Double Eagle and Green Hat. Both for \$13.95  
 Inexpensive CHARTREUSE IRIS: Char-Maize, Green Pastures, Mint Julep and Yellow Organdy. All 4 for \$7.75

THE GREENISH WHITES: Green Ivory, Tranquility, Veiled in Mystery & White Admiral. All 4 for \$11.95  
 LAVENDER With a Hint of Green: Mystic Legend, \$20.00.

### BLUES

The Exquisite PALE BLUES: Silver Platter and Vandabeth. Both for \$7.55  
 The Very Newest in LIGHT BLUES: Joan Crawford and Lady Ilse. Both for \$21.95  
 Older LIGHT BLUES: Blue Parakeet, Broadripple, Cakokia, Jane Phillips, Laddie and Zebra. All 6 for \$10.25

THE BLUE PLOCATAS: Caroline Jane and Tensleep. Both for \$8.95  
 Latest BRIGHT BLUES: Bermuda Blue and Windsor. Both for \$11.90  
 Familiar BRIGHT BLUES: Blue Valley, Illustrious, Keene Valley, Kezar Lake and Sky Pilot. All 5 for \$9.75

The Intense DEEP BLUES: Abbie Collet, Arabi Pasha and Pierre Menard. All 3 for \$11.50

### BLACKS

The RED BLACKS: Black Belle and Ebony Echo. Both for \$5.00  
 The VIOLET BLACKS: Black Diamond, Black Flare, Black Michael. All 3 for \$5.30  
 Also try Black Hills, \$5.00, and Black Satin, \$5.00.  
 THE BLACK SELFS: Black Castle and Black Mischief. Both for \$9.85

### VIOLETS

VIOLET and PURPLE SELFS: Calypso, First Violet and Mulberry Snow. All 3 for \$39.95  
 The VIOLET BITONES: Blue Drapes, Chiquita, Color Riot, Helen Collingwood and Trail Blazer. All 5 for \$12.25  
 The VIOLET BICOLORS: Criterion, Pretender and Pretty Pansy. All 3 for \$10.15

### LAVENDERS

TANGERINE-BEARDED LAVENDERS: Benton Beatrix, Lottie Lembrich and Pastella. 3 for \$12.75  
 LAVENDER and ORCHID: Orchid Ruffles and Ruffed Taffeta. Both for \$15.50  
 LAVENDER BICOLORS and BITONES: Desert Twilight, El Dorado Beauty and Lady Albright. 3 for \$8.65  
 LAVENDER FANCIES: Fancancy, Fancy Flare and Fancy Frills. All 3 for \$6.50

### WHITES

WHITES With YELLOW Influence: Clara B, Humming Bird, Spring Romance, Surrender. All 4 for \$9.90  
 WHITE and PURPLE PLOCATAS: Aunt Amoret, Castle Rock, Daffy, Harlequin, Masked Ball, Parisiana and Raspberry Ribbon. All 7 for \$14.25  
 Also try Unicorn, \$25.00, and Woodmont Plume, \$5.00  
 THE PURE WHITES: Helen McKenzie, Vigil and White Ruffles. All 3 for \$5.55  
 Also try Cascadian, \$6.00, and White Peacock, \$6.00

until new growth starts. Best kept moderately moist all summer, but where summers are dry and water is scarce, all Bearded Iris may be left dry all summer. Most varieties are hardy to winter cold. But in cold climates it is advisable to mulch well with straw at least the first winter to prevent frost heaving. If you want the largest flowers, the tallest stalks and the most abundant bloom from well-established clumps be sure NOT to disturb your new plantings for at least three years. But when the clumps become overcrowded dig them up in the summer and break apart, saving the best of the young new rhizomes for replanting. Many additional suggestions in my Manual.

SHIPPING & PLANTING TIMES: July to October for all types of Bearded Iris.

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See also my full lists of Oncobreds (page 13), and Autumn Bloomers (page 10), which include many varieties often listed by others with the Tall Bearded.



## For Bloom in MAY and JUNE — Season Guide To Tall Bearded

**BLOOMING TIMES:** The peak of Tall Bearded bloom is usually around April 1 in the South, May 1 on much of the Pacific Coast, and June 1 in most of the East. However, the earliest varieties come out 4 to 5 weeks before the latest ones; hence a **careful selection of varieties will greatly lengthen your blooming season.** See page 2 for my season abbreviations.

**MY NEW SEASON GUIDES:** Aside from color, the most important factor in selecting IRIS varieties is **Season of Bloom.** Since the great majority of iris varieties bloom at or near mid-season, most people have plenty of these, and are not searching for midseason bloomers. Hence I have not attempted to list the hordes of these, either here or in my Season Guides to the other types of Iris. Instead, I present these lists to guide you quickly to the **early** and **late** kinds that will serve so well to **greatly lengthen your blooming season**, particularly if you use Iris of various types.

Plans for harmonious color groupings are sometimes of little avail unless one also considers season of bloom, since the desired effect can be achieved only if the selected varieties bloom together. **Hybridizers**, also, will find these season lists very helpful in obtaining varieties that will tend to bloom simultaneously for crossing. Still another use for such lists is in choosing varieties to grow for **exhibition.** Thus, if your garden happens to be in a situation where your bloom tends to come too late for local flower shows, plant more of the very early kinds, which should be just in their prime for your next show. Or, if your season tends to be too early, order chiefly the late bloomers.

**For Very Early Bloom** try: Char-Maize, Cherie, Cherry Flip, Spring Romance, Trail Blazer & White Ruffles. All 6 for \$12.40. Also try Fantasy \$5.00 and Strathmore \$5.00.

**For Early Bloom** try: Blue Drapes, Clamont, Gold Sovereign, Jane Phillips, Pagan Princess, Pink Sensation, Rosabella and Yellow Eagle. All 8 for \$13.50.  
Also try Cascadian \$6.00 and Oriental Glory \$5.00.

**For the Newer Late Bloomers** try: Apricot Supreme, Black Michael, Clara B, Illustrious, Lady Albright & Pretty Quadroon. All 6 for \$15.85.

Also try Mary Randall \$12.00, Frontier Days \$10.00, Truly Yours \$7.50, and Unicorn \$25.00.  
**For the Inexpensive Late Bloomers** try: Argus Pheasant, Black Flare, Blue Valley, Chantimorana, Pink Formal & Pinnacle. All 6 for \$8.35.

**ABBIE COLLET** (Williams '55) M-32" A very smooth deep cornflower blue that has been a great favorite in the garden. The flowers are large, fluted and flaring and there is a slight intensification of the color in the falls. The substance is excellent and Abbie Collet is reported from Sacramento as being the **only blue that stood up against both hail and high winds.** Stalks stout and straight. Flowers well spaced on beautifully branched branches. .... **\$7.50 ➤ 3 for \$16.85**

**AL BORAK** (DeForest '52) M-36" A sensational Iris that is in great demand among the Iris fanciers. The **largest of all the horizontal-fall browns.** Imagine falls 3½" to 4" across by 3½" long, with hafts a full 2" wide. Standards **glowing copper with a gold undertone.** Falls lively brown-russet. Already demonstrated to pass its remarkable broad form on to its offspring. **You could pick no finer variety to use as a parent to work along this line.** HC'49; HM'53 — [Her Grace X Prairie Sunset X Copper River] ..... **\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$13.50**

### 1 of the 2 Most Outstanding IRIS for '56

**ALI BABA** (Lyon '52) M-L-40" A sister seedling to The Mad Hatter whose deep maroon coloring contrasts with the **bright red of Ali Baba.** The standards are flushed with garnet-brown and the falls are deep brownish garnet-red. Hafts particularly broad. Does not fade in the hot sun. Flower **very large and impressive.** Best garden effect obtained when planted where the afternoon sun filters through the blossoms. Flattering fragrance. [Ranger X Cordovan] **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**AMAZON TAN** (Hill-Son '45) M I am indeed proud to offer this beautifully formed flaring new Iris from Mr. Hill. It was so outstanding in the seed bed that many of his friends urged him to introduce it. It is a **real giant, gorgeous golden tan.** Strong stem and vigorous plant with good increase. **Fully cold hardy** in any part of the country. [Prairie Hill X Hill Seedling of Sandwood] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**ANTHEA** (Corey '53) Ⓢ Ruffled semi-flaring salmon pink, **long bloom \$7.50**

**APRICOT GLORY** (Muhlestein '51) M-L-36" A smooth clear rich apricot, deepening at the heart of the flower. The color is the purest imaginable and devoid of markings to mar the beauty. Substance heavy, falls nicely flaring. Proving to be an excellent parent. Its seedlings range in color from white with red beards to various shades of pink, salmon, apricot with orchid undertones and the real break — pure oranges. It is the pollen parent of the new Orange Creamo. **HM'51; AM'53** — [Golden Eagle X Hall's 40-24 X Gay Orchid] ..... **\$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$8.95**

**APRICOT SUPREME** (Tompkins '51) M-40" I present again this wonderful new Iris that I co-introduced in '51 with Chet Tompkins. The not the N on the market, 22 Iris judges voted it the **finest named Iris not introduced.** A large self in rich gleaming apricot-pink; full beard of deep Geranium pink. Well formed, with broad full petals. Stalks tall, strong, with extra fine branching. Plants fully hardy, with luxuriant foliage. Has very fertile pollen, sets seed readily, even crossing with Arils. Complete pedigree on request with every order for Apricot Supreme. **HC'50; HM'51** — [(Spring Maid X Far West) X (SQ73 X Hall 42-05) X Pink Salmon] ..... **\$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$5.95**

**APRIL SHOWERS** (Craig '54) Ⓢ Tall ruffled yellow, a real novelty. .... **\$10.00**

**ARABI PASHA** (Anley '53) M-ML-36" This is the rich, deep, cornflower blue with a blue beard, that won the **English Dykes Medal** in '53. A smooth finished, nicely tailored flower that has been receiving high praise from all quarters. Wonderful substance and the **most velvety falls of any blue to date.** The beard is a unique feature, very long and prominent, yet harmonizing in color, violet blue lightly tipped in yellow. Likely to remain the best deep blue for a long time to come. [(Blue Ensign X Windermere) X Blue Ensign] ..... **\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95**

**ARGUS PHEASANT** (DeForest '48) EM-33" An **exceptionally large flower** in bright golden Argus brown that has taken people's fancy. From recent President of AIS Jesse Willis: "Argus Pheasant and Pretty Quadroon, which attracted so much attention at the Annual meeting in 1948, did well again. I liked them both, but somewhat prefer Argus Pheasant." And from President of The Iris Society of England, H. Randall: "The highest praise can be given to this smooth brown Iris. It seems to have every virtue, and I stake my reputation that it will be eagerly sought after in this country." **Dykes Medal '52** — [Casa Morena X Tobacco Road] ..... **\$2.00**

**AUNT AMORET** (Craig '50) M-35" As unusual and distinctive as the name, is this lovely ruffled fancy due in bright light violet brushed on a white ground. Elegant. **CC'47; HM'53** — [Advance Guard X Mitchell 0-50] ..... **\$3.50; 3 for \$9.55**

**BALLERINA** (Hall '51) M-36" From seed of the already world-famous Cherie has come this new, **extra large ruffled pink** that is very close to the last word in these popular flamingo varieties. Petals are wide and thick, the form ideal, remarkably lasting. A medium-light tint of pink, with an attractive luster, a deep tangerine-orange beard. Fully cold-hardy. Will make your garden right up to date. **HM'51; AM'53** — [Cherie X Floradora] ..... **\$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$5.95**

**BANNER BRIGHT** (Crosby '54) Ⓢ Glowing rich orange-yellow buff. .... **\$10.00**

**BEACON HILL** (Corey '55) Ⓢ Tall ruffled light blue from Helen McGregor. .... **\$15.00**

**BENTON BEATRICE** (Morris '51) ML-40" An **immense flower** in soft pleasing mauve with enticing pearly velvet, set off by the **apricot-tangerine beard.** Beautiful form, domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Tall, nicely branched. Once this giant is seen it is never to be forgotten. Pollen abundant. .... **\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.95**

**BENTON DAMOSOL** (Morris '51) M-40" A rich cream with a tangerine beard. A color combination that departs from the usual and that may well take your fancy. Similar to Strathmore in its fine form, substance and branching. .... **\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95**

**BENTON LYSANDER** (Morris '52) ML-42" The latest addition to this exciting new color group. A self in a stunning new color—a **bright orange-russet.** Flowers of fine form and size on very well-branched stems. A very attractive Iris that is most decorative in the garden. Imported from England. .... **\$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$5.95**

**BENTON OLIVE** (Morris '49) E-M-36" With the present swing to near-greens, this novelty in **silvery olive-buff** is destined to be very popular. I imported this from England for you as there are none like it in this country. A subtle new coloring that will prove very useful to arrangers. There is **enough green in its makeup to cause it to be used by every hybridizer working toward greens.** Has very good pollen and you may be sure I will be using this in my hybridizing for greens this spring. Flowers above average in size, with nicely flaring, heavily substance falls. Sometimes blooms in Autumn. A novelty well worth trying. **Color plate on next page.** .... **\$3.50 ➤ 3 for \$7.85**

**BENTON OPHELIA** (Morris '51) ML-36" The very latest release from the breeder of the renowned Strathmore. A delicately lovely flower of fine size and form. Light, rosy flesh pink deepening at the throat. Falls highlighted by bright apricot beard. Falls semi-flaring, of great substance; no venations or shading to mar the beauty of this flower. **Bronze Medal '50.** .... **\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.95**

**BENTON PETUNIA** (Morris '49) M-33" One of the first real tangerine-bearded pink bitones. Standards, clear bright peach-pink; falls striking rose-petunia. A flower with so much life to it that it will give a brilliant effect in the garden even in dull weather. Imported from England. .... **\$2.00**

**BERMUDA BLUE** (Lothrop '54) M to L-40" A near self in medium blue class, with such intensity of color that even Sierra Blue and Blue Rhythm look pale by contrast. Good form, substance and tall nicely branched stalks. Standards conical, falls semi-flaring, satiny, exquisitely rounded. Rich grape fragrance. Loads of pollen. .... **\$10.00**

**BERTHA LOMBARD** (Eckles '55) Ⓢ Crisp deep reddish brown, gold patch **\$8.00**

**BIG GAME** (Fay '54) Ⓢ Long season, large, beautiful, rich deep violet **\$15.00**

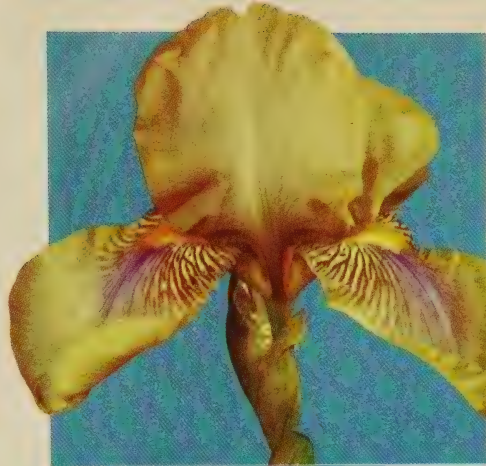
**BIG TIME** (Lapham '51) M-39" An important new red from Greg Lapham and a splendid demonstration of what can be accomplished by planned breeding. Resulted from crossing Lapham's highly inbred line with Cook's brilliant red seedling from another long inbred line. An immense flower with bronzy red standards and falls of rosy red with a blackish overlay and a lustrous finish. Beard is heavy reddish-yellow. Really outstanding. Very impressive for its breeding potentialities. Full pedigree chart on request with every order for Big Time. Pollen abundant. [Red Waves X (Redward X Copper Rose)] ..... **\$6.50 ➤ 3 for \$12.95**

**ARGUS PHEASANT — 1952 Dykes Medal — \$2.00**



"Hung on the shower that fronts the Golden West, The rainbow bursts like magic on mine eyes! In hues of ancient promise there impress; Frail in its date, eternal in its guise."—C. T. TURNER





**BENTON OLIVE** — Green-tinted — \$3.50

- BIG UTE** (Wallace '54) ⑤ Huge, classic blend of mahogany and red. **\$20.00**
- BLACK BELLE** (Stevens '51) ML-32" An iris that immediately stands out on account of its extremely velvety falls. Dark reddish-black with a brownish-black beard. Falls heavily substantiated, quite flaring. Rather low growing so best for the front of the border. Good pollen. [Sable X Royal Mission]. **\$2.50**
- BLACK CASTLE** (Schreiner '53) M-32" During recent years there have been quite a number of entries into the race for the blackest fall Bearded Iris. Black Castle is the nearest approach to a jet black bearded Iris yet released. Wonderful large flowers of splendid form. The deep orange beard is indescribably rich and is like a sparkling jewel on a black evening gown. An Iris that will give bold contrast to almost any variety you may have in your garden. [Sister of Black Forest X Down East]. **\$7.50**
- BLACK DIAMOND** (Schreiner '51) ML-35" A descendant of the renowned Black Forest that is fully 75% larger. A copiously formed, heavily substantiated ebony-blue-black. Domes simply glisten with a lustrous black sheen. It creates a very sumptuous effect. Truly a black diamond to radiate a beauty all its own among the varied jewel tones of the modern Iris garden. **HM'52** — [(Sister of Black Forest) X Down East]. **\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**
- BLACK FLARE** (Austin '55) ML-34" One of the most flaring and best formed of the various approaches to black. Standards bright dark purple. Falls velvety purplish-black, flaring, with a contrasting golden-bronze beard. **\$1.50**
- BLACK HILLS** (Fay '51) M-38" A much-heralded new black. In the past most of the good blacks, such as Black Forest, have had rather short stems, but Black Hills, which is a shade blacker than Black Forest, produces splendid 38" stalks. A full petaled and nicely proportioned flower with a smooth blue-black color but no haft markings. Wonderful velvety black falls. A great achievement for Mr. Fay. **HM'51; AM'54** — [(Black Valor X Gulf Stream) X Black Forest]. **\$5.00 ► 3 for \$9.95**
- BLACK MICHAEL** (Morris '49) LM-42" Most good blacks are short, but this is very tall, about twice the height of Black Forest. A black of noble proportions from England, of tremendous weather-resisting substance. Standards domed, rich very dark blue-violet; falls very flaring, of deepest velvety violet black. Well branched. Silver Medal Eng. Iris Soc. '48 — [Persephone X Blue Ensign]. **\$3.50 ► 3 for \$6.95**
- BLACK MISCHIEF** (Schreiner '53) EM-36" Early blooming descendant of Black Forest that is taller than its famous parent. Intensely colored near-black, as rich and deep a midnight hue as can be imagined. Very free flowering. [Black Forest X Cameron]. **\$5.00 ► 3 for \$11.25**
- BLACK SATIN** (Nesmith '51) M-36" The darkest in the blue-black class. Of satiny texture and a self even to the beard. Has a very satiny finish and is of the color that always attracts the visitors. Standards closely held by strong mid-ribs. Falls very flaring and seem as if dusted with black crystals. Does not fade under the most trying weather conditions. Combines height, size, depth of color and finish to a degree seldom seen in one Iris. Considerably darker than Black Forest. **HC'49; HM'51** — [(The Bishop X Sable) X Black Forest]. **\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**
- BLUEBIRD BLUE** (Fay '53) ⑤ Non-fading, hardy clean blue of great charm **\$6.00**
- BLUE DEBUT** (Wallace '55) ⑤ The very first blue with that Chantilly lace! **\$12.50**
- BLUE DRAPES** (Tharp '53) ML-38" A larger and finer flower in the ever-popular pattern of Amigo, which is the seed parent. Yields no pollen and is a difficult parent, so it may have an upset number of chromosomes. But if it can be induced to set seeds, it should give some splendid new blood for neglects and amoebas. Light blue standards contrasting with deep, velvety purple falls with yellow beards. [Amigo X ((Lord of June X Esplendido) X Persia)]. **\$2.00 ► 3 for \$3.95**
- BLUE FLURRY** (Brown '55) ⑤ Snow Flurry seedling in light wistaria blue. **\$10.00**
- BLUE PARAKEET** (Waters '50) ML-42" Blue Parakeet is a charming chicory blue that is very different from all other blues. The broad hafts have a very decided greenish gold area extending nearly an inch down the fall. This feature not only produces a stunning flower, but also places Blue Parakeet among the various approaches to green now sought by every hybridizer. Even the standards have a flush of greenish gold at the base. A free flowering vigorous grower bearing delightfully perfumed flowers. **HM'53** — [Bandmaster X Azure Skies]. **\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

- BLUE SERENE** (Wills '53) ⑤ One of the newest aspirants for the "truest to blue" **\$8.00**
- BLUE VALLEY** M to L-38" Leslie Cave states: "Blue Valley was entrancing. Nothing in Mr. Randall's garden could approach it for blueness." Beautifully ruffled, large in size, and possessing a vivacious sparkle. Falls flaring out almost horizontally. A single rhizome has been known to produce as many as 7 flower stalks. Enticingly fragrant. Bloomed for me in mid-June, again in mid-July, in addition to regular May bloom. [Lake George X Great Lakes]. See Ektachrome. **\$1.00**
- BOLD ADVENTURE** (Wells '55) ⑤ Heralded as "tallest, largest, most beautiful black" **\$20.00**
- BOLD COPPER** (Sass '50) L-38" Lovely medium toned brownish-copper well displayed on exceptionally fine low branched stalks. Slightly ruffled, very pleasing. Color enlivened by a sparkling glow. Pollen abundant. [(Golden Age X Prairie Sunset) X Ola Kala] X Tobacco Road]. **\$2.00 ► 3 for \$3.95**
- BRIGHT GEM** (DeForest '53) ⑤ Blend of russet and morocco-red, 7" spread **\$15.00**
- BRIGHT HOUR** (Douglas '52) ⑤ Most stunning of all the new amoebas. **\$7.50**
- BRILLIANT ROSE** (Austin '53, Milestone Series) EM-40" It is hard to imagine a more brilliant Iris than this very large and very deep pink self, for the color is actually between that of Inspiration and Mulberry Rose, two of the very brightest Iris in the entire garden. Beard, unusually striking, nearly white. Well branched and a heavy bloomer with about ten flowers per stalk. This is the Snow Flurry X Inspiration cross No. 94 mentioned on page 30 of my Manual. Sets seed; pollen highly fertile. **\$2.50 ► 3 for \$4.95**
- BROADRIPPLE** — Yes, broad and rippled. See Novelties page 40. **\$5.00**
- BRONZE SYMPHONY** (Pattison '52) M-37" A large brilliant golden copper-brown with color more intense, more vivid than Argus Pheasant. Has created quite a sensation due to its color and to the excellent form with broad waved petals of very heavy substance. May yield bright yellow plicatas as well as browns. **HM'53** — [Copper River X Patrice]. **\$7.50**
- BUTTERFLY BLUE** (Fay '52) ⑤ Frosty, ruffled light blue, lemon beard; hardy. **\$6.00**
- BY LINE** (DeForest '54) ⑤ Standards corinthian purple, falls yellow bordered purple. Striking. **\$15.00**
- CAHOKIA** (Faught '48) ML-42" An exquisitely formed light butterfly blue delicately veined in deeper blue and with a distinct greenish midrib. If it proves possible to breed a turquoise Iris, it may well come from Cahokia. It is known to be a superb parent for blues and whites and possibly turquoise colorings may appear among its offspring. **RU Dykes '53**. **\$2.00**
- CALYPSO** (Douglas '55) M-37" Here we have the Iris that is "tall, dark and handsome." A true self in deep, dark violet. In spite of its great depth of color, it has a remarkable lustrous sheen which gives it great garden value. There are no venations and the deep color extends to the very heart of the flower; even the styles and full beard are of the same tone. A profuse bloomer that is well branched and fully hardy. [Barbara Adams X Gulf Stream]. **\$10.00**
- CANADAWAY** (Cousins '53) ⑤ Very large, wide white, ruffled; fine breeder. **\$5.00**
- CAROLINE JANE** (DeForest '51) M-38" At last a white plicata, with violet-blue stichings and dots, to top them all. A great improvement over previous Iris of this type. The flowers are enormous and the glistening white ground has a beautiful pattern of delicate blue markings. Wide in both standards and falls; falls flaring, ruffled. Seems to be a favorite wherever it is grown. **HM'51; AM'55** — [(Her Grace X Tiffany) X New Hope]. **\$7.50**
- CASCADIAN** (Linse '52) E-M-36" A very wide ruffled white that is positively stunning. A large, very broad petaled Iris with a white beard and a mysterious greenish cast showing through the center of the falls. Comes from Snow Flurry X Cloud Castles. You'll want this one! **\$6.00 ► 3 for \$13.50**
- CASTLE ROCK** (Loomis '52) ML-36" A delightfully ruffled blue and white plicata of classic form and distinctive size and style. The white of the ground color is smooth and clear, the coloring a violet-blue. Standards almost solidly colored. Falls heavily bordered and marked by a distinguishing line extending upward from the tips. Excellent substance. Nicely branched stalks. [Plicata Sdlg. X Blue Shimmer]. **\$4.50; 3 for \$12.35**
- CATHEDRAL BELLS** (Wallace '53) ⑤ Grand shrimp pink; high on "Judge's Choice". **\$7.50**

**BLUE VALLEY** — Entrancing — \$1.00





- CELESTIA** (Pierce '55) Ⓝ Ruffled medium blue with extremely heavy substance. **\$20.00**
- CENTENNIAL QUEEN** (Wallace '54) Ⓝ Heavily ruffled wide blend of copper & pink... **\$12.50**
- CHAMPAGNE VELVET** (Sass '55) Ⓝ Extra large, broad plicata, white & violet. **\$20.00**
- CHANCELLOR** (Lothrop '55) Ⓝ Delightful & impressive dark violet-black, frilled **\$15.00**
- CHANTILLY** M-36" **Highest orchid pink in '53 Symposium.** The only inexpensive Iris with the now famous "Chantilly-lace" edging to the petals, which appear as if adorned with lace. The coloring is a luscious orchid-pink. Comes from the same breeding as Hall's Flamingo pinks with tangerine beards. Very likely carries a recessive character for this type of beard. A wonderful parent; I look for some very novel, decorative offspring. **HM'45; AM'47** — [Maiden Blush X Pink Seedling]. **See color photo.** **\$1.00**
- CHANTIMORENA** (Austin '55) L to VL-30" A new flower in scintillating terra-cotta brown, and with a distinctive Chantilly-lace crinkling to the edges of the petals. Standards bronzy-brown with a reddish iridescence. [Casa Morena X Juliet]. **\$2.00**
- CHAR-MAIZE** (Lyon '49) M-44" Breaking sharply from accustomed tones of yellow into a new sea-foam chartreuse blended with deep yellow, this very new Iris will delight flower arrangers seeking something different and with real appeal. A large flower with extra heavy substance that withstands heat and wind. A seedling of Snow Flurry which contributes a pleasing ruffling to the form. Is making a name for itself, both among fanciers and breeders. Be among the first to have it! **RU Dykes '53** — [Snow Flurry X Aztec Copper]. **\$3.50; 3 for \$9.55**
- CHERIE** (Hall '47) M-32" Pink loveliness itself! For years Cherie was the standard by which all other pink Iris were judged. So outstanding The American Iris Society showed it in color in Bulletin 109. A delightful light flamingo pink of remarkable purity of tone. Large, beautifully ruffled flowers of excellent form and gracefulness. Superb, too, for the breeder, for it sets seed, yields abundant fertile pollen, and is known to give varied and beautiful pinks—witness Ballerina, described above. Proved to be fully hardy in the colder portions of our country. **Dykes Medal '51...** **\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**
- CHERRY FLIP** (Schreiner '51) E-34" A real color gem that is certainly among the pinkest of the Flamingos. A soft enamel sheen and a fiery tangerine beard give it real distinction. Most effective as a landscape subject as it is **very free blooming** and makes a mass display of bright color. [SQ51 x Mulberry Rose] x SQ70) X D. Hall 4205]. **\$2.00**
- CHIQUEITA** (Knowlton '51) L-36" Here we have a great improvement on our old friend Amigo. The stem is taller, the flower larger and more brilliantly colored. Standards pale blue-lavender, closed and firmly held; falls flaring, deep velvety blue-purple, distinctly embroidered at the edges with the near-white color of the standards. As remarked by H. J. Randall, amoenas give a touch of high quality to any collection. A very beautiful ruffled flower that is destined to popularity. **HC'49; HM'51** — [Amigo X Wabash]. **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**
- CLARA B** — Finest breeder for lacy-edged things, page 40. **\$4.00**
- CLASMONT** (Morris '49) 42" First clear apricot self with the red beard, and what is more, the color is a pure, even tone throughout, giving a wonderfully luminous effect. Standards crisply domed, falls slightly flaring. Flower firmly substantiated, withstanding sun, rain, wind. Vigorous. **\$3.50** ➤ **3 for \$6.95**
- CLOUDCAP** (DeForest '50) EM-40" This is one of the most outstanding Flamingo Pinks to be introduced since the rise to fame of Cherie and Pink Formal. Already I have reports from six States—Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon, California and Tennessee—all agree this is the largest, tallest and one of the best tangerine-bearded pinks so far. The giant blooms will often measure up to 7 inches. I doubt if you have ever seen any Iris this large. Considering that for years most of the new pinks ranged from small to medium-large, this is quite an achievement, particularly when you consider that it is a delectable, slightly ruffled blossom pink, with wide closed standards and broad falls with an enormous tangerine-red beard. A remarkable seed setter. Pollen abundant and very fertile. Complete pedigree back for several generations, on request with every order for Cloudcap. **HM'51; AM'53** — [SQ72 X 6-44]. **See Ektachrome** **\$4.00**
- COLLEGIATE** (Hall '55) Ⓝ Ivory-white, base of standards & beard like ripe cantaloupe **\$10.00**
- COLOR RIOT** — A riot of colors, a tangerine beard, page 3. **\$5.00**

"The order I received last summer was wonderful. They all did fine, and thanks for the gifts. Dr. Clyde Switzer, Grandview, Missouri.

**CHANTILLY** — The Original Lace-Edge Iris — **\$1.00**



**CLOUDCAP** — Largest of all Flamingo Pinks — **\$4.00**

**COLOR CARNIVAL** (DeForest '49) EM-36" So well received that it was chosen as the theme for the fourth Annual Sacramento Iris Show. If you want to stop traffic with a flamboyant Iris, just plant **COLOR CARNIVAL** out in front, where the passersby can get a look at it. I'll guarantee you'll have a flower that will stop people in their tracks and bring forth exclamations of surprise and wonderment. A soft strawberry pink with bright purplish markings on the hafts, and a vivid tangerine beard. One of the most startling of tangerine-bearded pinks, **one you are bound to have sooner or later.** Sets seed, pollen fertile. **HM'50** — [Spindrift X ((Salar x Sandia) x Prairie Sunset)]. **See color picture page 26.** **\$2.50**

**CONVENTION QUEEN** (Muhlestein '54) Ⓝ Heavily laced peach-pink, large, tall **\$20.00**

**COPPER DAWN** (Gersdorff '54) Ⓝ Sparkling copper-pink self, fragrant. **\$10**

**CORDOLON** (Schreiner '53) ML-42" A flower so large as to be dramatic, yet it is a rose blend of exquisite color harmony. Possesses the caressingly soft appearance of silk yet boasts of an extra heavy substance. Tall and late, this is a flower of warmth, poise and grace. [Gypsy Rose X Alpine Glow]. **\$5.00**

**COURT HERALD** (Stevens '52) M-38" A vibrant yellow from New Zealand in deep rich burnished gold. So classically perfect is its form, one almost has to touch it to see if it is real. Nature's mysterious artisans have given it the spiritual beauty reserved only for flowers. Radiantly beautiful. [(Golden Majesty x (Golden Hind x Firelight)) X (Golden Majesty x (Naranja x Redmayne))]. **\$2.50**

**CRAITHIE** (Morris '49) M-36" Among the finest from Mr. Morris. A very bright, deep shell-pink set off by a brilliant beard. Highly recommended in England, now available to American Iris lovers and breeders. A rapid increaser, abundant bloomer. Often re-blooms in fall. **\$1.50** ➤ **3 for \$3.35**

**CRIMSON BEAUTY** (Austin '53) M-40" An extra large harmonizing red bitone with wonderful decorative possibilities and a spread of 6 inches. Standards light sparkling bronzy gold with infusion of crimson. Falls large, spreading, rich velvety dark crimson, with a slight edging. Most striking feature is heavy white veining starting beside beard and flowing out into the petals in a very attractive manner, setting this flower apart from all others. Heavy bloomer. Pollen abundant. **\$5.00** ➤ **3 for \$9.95**

**CRISPETTE** (Schreiner '54) Ⓝ Deep orchid color, lacy, fluted and beautiful. **\$10.00**

**CRITERION** (Douglas '51) M-38" The finest amoenas I have ever bloomed. Geddes Douglas has bred amoenas for some time and this is one of his greatest achievements. Well-domed standards practically pure white with faintest hint of lilac. Falls very rich dark velvety violet with an attractive white edging. Beard bright lemon yellow sharply contrasting with dark falls. Simply superb for the hybridizer as it has abundant pollen and sets seed heavily. Its seedlings have proved better than those from any other line of amoenas breeding. Already from Criterion have come the new "Bright Hour" and "Queen's Taste." **HM'52** — [Extravaganza X Wabash]. **\$5.00** ➤ **3 for \$9.95**

**DAFFY** — Yes, it's daffy. See Oddities, page 21. **\$1.25**

**DANCING TIGER** — Truly a flight of fancy, page 40. **\$6.00**

**DARK CHOCOLATE** — A beauty—as dark as Baker's Chocolate, page 40. **\$18.00**

**DESERT TWILIGHT** (Miss '52) E-M-40" Here Miss Mess has captured for you that elusive and indefinable violet haze seen at dusk in the Mohave Desert. A pastel tint of delicate violet-labella, fused with a warm mauve-wood brown at the haft. Then, like a last ray of sunlight to brighten the scene comes the deep golden glow of the beard. The petals have an unusual enamel-like finish and are lightly ruffled. Has virtues of large, well-spaced blooms and very thick petals. Tall, well branched stems. Vigorous plants. **HC'51; HM'52** — [Sierra Snow X Ming Yellow]. **\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

"What a desolate place would be a world without a flower."—MRS. BALFOUR





COLOR CARNIVAL — Compels Attention — \$2.50

**DOLLY VARDEN** (Hall '50) ② Almost as large as Cloudcap, much more flaring \$5

**DOUBLE EAGLE** — Now the famous double Iris is down in price, page 21.....\$10.00

**EASTER GREETINGS** (Miss '55) ② Ruffled pure white, lush yellow beard \$15

**EBONY ECHO** (Tompkins '48) ML-38" A real top-notch with extra heavy substance and very broad, delightfully ruffled petals. Standards full and domed. Falls flaring horizontally. Buds so dark that with their sleek finish they appear like great blobs of shiny black wax. On opening, flower is a very deep, glowing black red. A true self, free of haft markings and with a dark beard. Stalks tall and strong with excellent branching and placement. Worthy of a place among the finest Iris of today. A wonderful breeder's Iris having already yielded Great Day and Privateer. HM'49; AM'53 — [Cape Bon X Casa Morena].....\$3.50

**EL DORADO BEAUTY** (Austin '53) M-34" About the closest approach I have to the much sought blue and gold Iris. Standards rich creamy yellow, nicely arched and closed. Falls blue-lilac with a gold edge and yellow haft. A soft pleasing Iris with a distinct personality, exceptionally pure coloring. Enticingly fragrant. Pollen plentiful. [Orange Flame X self].....\$2.00

**ELISE WERNER** (Benson '51) ② Heavily scented, ruffled semi-flared light blue.....\$6.00

**ENCHANTRESS** (Hall '54) ② Parchment, flushed pink, apricot haft, orange beard..\$10.00

**ESCAPADE** (Tompkins '52) ② Rich glowing orchid, gold border, frilled & shimmering...\$5.00

**FANCYANCY** (Austin '53) EM-42" The largest and finest self-colored Fancy I have ever seen. A little like Aladdin's Wish, but a flower of much more elegance and refinement. Standards silvery lilac, well substantiated, beautifully waved. Falls deep amethyst, veined in white over entire surface. Delicate brown lacework and stippling at haft. Harmonizing bronzy-gold beard. Style crests light lilac yellow. Superb branching with 8 to 12 flowers per stalk. A very distinctive flower of queenly elegance. Surpasses almost all other Iris in vigor of growth and luxuriant nearly ever-green foliage. Comes from the same cross that yielded by three Horned Iris, namely [JS-M-176B X 638].....\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.95

**FANCY FEATHER** (Muhlestein '52) ML-36" Exciting! It is rare that one sees such brilliance. A new bitone plicata. Standards clear light golden tan, falls clean, medium yellow with a brilliant red border. It will intrigue every collector of Novelities. Should be a very interesting breeder for plicatas, blends, yellows and pinks. [Rare Marble X Salar x Gold Ruffles].....\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

**FANCY FLARE** (Austin '55) ML-35" The best formed and most flaring of my new fancies. Standards deep amethyst, flushed white at the base. Falls intense amethyst, daintily brushed in white, very stiff and flaring. Beard almost white.....\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

**FANCY FRILLS** (Austin '55) M-33" The most frilled and ruffled member of my new series of lovely fancies. Standards light pinkish orchid, flushed white at base. Falls light heliotrope, with strong white area at the end of the very white beard, and with radiating white lines extending out to the edge of the falls. [M-5-38 X M-O-51B].....\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

**FANCY VELVET** — A velvety crimson fancy, page 3.....\$3.00

**FANTASY** (Hall '47) EM-30" A striking rosy-orchid pink, or raspberry pink. A deeper coloring than most, so it is for those who want a brighter pink. The combination of this new color with the tangerine beard gives Fantasy exceptional fascination. Form, substance and branching are good, and it is an Iris that you will enjoy. Stands up well even in hot California sun. Has a very strong tendency to re-bloom in late fall. Is pollen parent of both Cherie and Fuchsia and one that I am using heavily in my own crosses. HM'47; AM'49. Ektachrome at right.....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

**FIREBRIGHT** (Craig '54) ② Outstanding rich red of intensity not before seen.....\$25.00

**FIRE DANCE** (Fay '47) ML-36" Brightest and most impressive of the vivid red plicatas. Notable (1) because the unusually deep yellow ground color supplies a strong contrast with the deep wine red markings, (2) not just an over-all figured plicata, but one in which the red coloring gives a most effective and pronounced design on the falls. Pollen plentiful. HM'47.....\$1.50

**FIRST VIOLET** (DeForest '52) M-38" The very highest ranking of the Iris that won Awards of Merit last year. Also at the very top of the 25 varieties on the '55 Judge's Choice list. This means that it stands a very good chance of becoming a Dyke's Medal winner. A flower of great size with 6" ruffled flowers of sparkling manganese violet perfectly spaced on the stalks. Flower parts wide and haft clean. A luscious color that attracts one at once. Fragrant. [Chivalry X Spanish Peaks].....\$15.00

**FLAMING FIRE** (Sass '50) LM-38" From two of our most famous Iris, The Red Douglas crossed with Prairie Sunset, Sass Brothers have produced an immense flaming red bitone. Standards light red, infused with gold. Falls bright crimson red with a sharply contrasting yellow beard. A very heavy bloomer and a good increaser. Tall well-branched stalks. Yields fertile pollen, should be fine for crossing for better reds.....\$2.00

**FORT TICONDEROGA** (Smith '48) ML-36" Few if any Iris can surpass this for sheer brilliance of harmonizing colors. Seems to spit fire from every corner of its petals. Picture standards of Mars orange and burnt sienna, falls very velvety garnet-red. Haft is clean; sports a brilliant orange beard. [Matula X Orange Glow].....\$1.50

**FRANCIS CRAIG** — See Oncobreds, page 14.....\$8.00

**FRONTIER DAYS** (Tompkins '53) M to L-36" The combination of a long line of breeding for better reds gave a hue near to cardinal red with a sleek and glossy finish that gives great brilliance and carrying power. Flowers very large with broad petals and flaring form. Substance very heavy. An excellent grower with strong, well-branched stalks. Sure to be an eye-catcher in any garden. [Bandit X Technicolor].....\$10.00

**FUCHSIA** (Hall '51) EM-34" One of the richest and most vivid of the new pinks. A striking deep raspberry-pink, or fuchsia, with a very thick beard that is almost red. A self of quite uniform coloring and with nice flaring falls, slightly waved at the edges. Has a strong tendency for blooming in fall as well as spring, and may be a regular fall bloomer. HM'53 — [Tally Ho X Fantasy].....\$3.50 ➤ 3 for \$6.95

**GARNET GLOW** — A new "break" — rosy-red with red beard, page 40.....\$4.00

**GOLD CASTLE** (Austin '53, Milestone Series) L-44" A splendid large extra-tall Iris admirably combining the good points of its parents. Standards intense bright yellow very close to the deep color of seed parent, Berkeley Gold. Falls very deep yellow, almost orange. Form of flower very close to that of its famous pollen parent, Casa Morena. Stems nicely branched. Cross No. 915 mentioned on page 30 of my Manual. Plenty of pollen for hybridizing. An intriguing new flower. Will add a great deal of life to any garden.....\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

**GOLD SOVEREIGN** (Whiting) LM-30" A wonderful orange Iris! Color is much richer and deeper than in Orangeman, or Ola Kala. Color is pure and more uniform than in Rocket. An intensely deep yellowish-orange that will stand out across your garden like a beacon light. Even the beard is bright orange, large, prominent. Garden visitors and flower photographers are drawn to it by the attraction of the unusual. Sets seed; profuse quantities of pollen, so holds inviting possibilities to hybridizers. HM'50; AM'53 — [Ola Kala X Rocket].. See Ektachrome.....\$1.50

**GOLDEN CROWN** (Kleinsorge '54) ② Giant variegata, old gold standards, velvety maroon falls.....\$15.00

**GOLDEN HAWK** (Smith '51) ② Velvety primrose yellow, overlaid metallic gold.....\$18.00

**GOLDEN RUSSET** (Hall '46) M-38" Simply enormous, often 7" high, falls 9" across when spread out. Buds 6" long, like huge cigars. A sumptuous beauty in light golden russet. Able to resist rain and wind. One to cause every visitor to gasp in amazement. Very fragrant. HM'47; AM'52 — [Invictus x #38-52 X Golden Eagle].....\$1.50

**GOOD AND PLENTY** (Fay '52) ② Yes, Iris twins, two from one seed, blue and white.....\$7.50

FANTASY — Captivating! — \$2.00







**GOLD SOVEREIGN** — See page 26 — \$1.50

**GREAT DAY** (Tompkins '53) ML-36" My first offering in a new series of very outstanding reds bred by Chet Tompkins. Done in rich glowing carmine it combines the best features of both parents. The lovely flaring form of **Ebony Echo** has been retained and **Manana** has given more brilliance to the red coloring and a complete cleanness to the hafts. Flower has same heavy substance as both parents, with their non-burning qualities. Finish is rich and glossy with carmine-black overtones. Strong well-branched stalks with many buds. A great favorite with all who have seen it. Yes, it was a "great day" when Chet found this among his seedlings. **HC'52; HM'53** — [Ebony Echo X Manana].....**\$15.00; 3 for \$41.25**

**GRECIAN URN** (Sapp '54) Ⓝ Heavily ruffled tall hyacinth violet, broad **\$15**

**GREEN HAT** — Green chartreuse and hazelnut brown, page 40.....**\$7.50**

**GREEN IVORY** (Muhlestein '53) ML-36" A huge greenish-ivory self of very full wide proportions. Branching low but close — one stalk makes a full bouquet. Most effective in the garden and on the show bench. Will be in great demand by breeders of greens for crossing with such things as Char-Maize, Greenglow and Mint Julep. Better get started! [Desert Song X Sister to Greenglow].....**\$5.00**

**GREEN MOHR** — See Oncobreds, page 14.....**\$2.00**

**GREEN PASTURES** (Heller '47) EML-48" Here is one of the closest approaches to green yet available in Bearded Iris. A delightful chartreuse yellow in soft pastel tints. A touch of blue at tip of yellowish olive beard is most effective and accentuates the cool green tones of the bloom. **Huge, tall, free flowering.** Starts early, often still in good condition when late varieties come out. Reported perfectly hardy in Iowa but some growers in cold climates like to protect rhizomes over winter with a good mulch. Introduced at \$30.00. Extremely popular, **outselling all other approaches to green;** in fact it outsold all other varieties in my entire catalog. I sent out over 1,000 rhizomes, yet over 100 people were disappointed as they got their order in too late to get Green Pastures. A word to the wise is sufficient—order TODAY. Pollen is abundant, highly fertile; an excellent seed setter. Now is the time to get a start so you can begin crossing it with various others having greenish tones. You may well come up with a world beater. **HC'45; HM'47** — [Old Ironsides X Oregon Sunshine].....**\$1.50**

**GUSSIE** (Corey '53) Ⓝ Pinkish orchid with extremely heavy crimped and lacy edges....**\$15.00**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** (Hall '52) EM-ML-36" Dave Hall has given us more Flamingo Pinks than any other breeder and this is close to the top of all his creations. Imagine a flower in the deep rich coloring of **Heritage** but twice as large. Reminds one of the notable varieties, **Ballerina** and **Pink Sensation**. More colorful than either of these. Flowers are beautifully ruffled and very striking when used in arrangements. Unlike some of the Flamingo Pinks, this has lots of vigor and vitality and will form a heavy blooming clump for you in a hurry. One you won't want to miss. Very long blooming season. This is one of the two Announced Secret Varieties for 1956. See page 37. **HM'52; AM'54** — [From Hall flamingo pinks].....**\$5.00**

**HARLEQUIN** — Fantastic and butterfly-like, page 21.....**\$1.50**

**HEART'S DESIRE** (Wills '50) M-38" I expect this has been **YOUR Heart's Desire** for a number of years. Now the price is down to where everyone can enjoy its glowing rose-red coloring to add brilliance and life to their garden. A large, wide and brilliant bitone. Falls ruffled, deep velvety red, standards lighter. Combines free-flowering with long season of bloom. May prove useful in breeding an Amoena with red falls. [Copper Pink X True Love].....**\$3.00**

**HEATHER ROSE** (Hall '50) M-32" A distinct and pleasing new color very close to that of Scotch heather; it will harmonize wonderfully in arrangements. Fine form, stem and branching. A descendant of Courtier that sets seed and has pollen. **HM'51** — [(42-26 x Overture) X Courtier].....**\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35**

**HELEN COLLINGWOOD** (Smith '49) ML-40" In Helen Collingwood, Kenneth Smith has given us what is probably the loveliest of all neglects. You can easily see why when you know that it comes from two such outstanding parents as **Extravaganza** and **Louise Blake**. A brilliant creation with light lavender standards and flaring bright violet-purple falls. Blooms are of heavy substance and daintily ruffled at the edges. Outstanding. **HM'50; AM'52**.....**\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95**

**HELEN MCKENZIE** (Graves '50) M-37" For serene purity it is hard to beat Helen McKenzie, for this seems to be the whitest of them all. It is even whiter than **Priscilla** which was at one time considered the whitest of Iris. Petals are really white with no haft markings or touches of any other colors; even the beard is white. Also it is noted for its perfection of form. Standards perfectly domed and firmly held. Falls firm, broad, flaring. Flowers have perfect placement on well-branched stalks. Long season of bloom. Already it has been used in breeding and has yielded the new release called **The Citadel**. **HM'50; AM'53** — [Franconia X Mt. Jefferson].....**\$3.50 ➤ 3 for \$6.95**

**HERITAGE** (Hall '49) EM-34" A Flamingo Pink that has been thoroughly tested and emerged as second only to **Pink Formal** in voting for **1951 Awards of Merit**. It is a smooth self, of deeper color than **Cherie**, and without disfiguring haft markings. Beard is deep tangerine. Nicely ruffled, one of the most flaring of all Flamingos. Many like it even better than **Cherie**. Heavy substance and good branching. You can't go wrong on this one. **HM'49; AM'51** — [Tally-Ho X Courtier].....**\$2.50**

**HI-TIME** (Hall '50) EM-34" New and startling, a lustrous golden apricot with a prominent intense flame-scarlet beard. A true self with no haft markings. A vigorous grower and free bloomer; foliage resistant to leaf spot. Pollen plentiful. Has great possibilities in breeding; has already yielded **Palomino**. **HM'50** — [Golden Eagle x 39-62] X Premier Peach].....**\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95**

**HUMMING BIRD** (Knowlton '52) M-40" An unusual color combination, very appealing. Crisp fluted standards of Egyptian buff; broad flaring falls of white, lightly bordered buff. Center illuminated by a deep glow accentuated by bright orange beard. Heavily ruffled. Puts on a show few iris can equal. **HC'50; HM'52** — [Snow Flurry X Daybreak].....**\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95**

**ICE CARNIVAL** (Watkins-Graves '54) Ⓝ A color break! Azure blue standards, white falls.....**\$14.00**

**ILLUSTRIOUS** (Hall '53) L-36" At last a wonderful late blue that will brighten up your garden when many of the early and midseason blues have gone on. Blooms with such late varieties as **Extravaganza** and **Garden Glory**. An extra large, smoothly finished deep blue, almost indigo. A clump is a wonderful sight. [Chivalry X Bandmaster].....**\$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$5.95**

**INCA CHIEF** (Mitsch '52) ML-35" An enormous and spectacular Iris that has already become famous. Everyone seems to want it. A wonderful vibrant color—a brilliant lustrous burnished gold-bronze. Blooms perfectly proportioned with a gentle ruffling, a regal carriage. Comes from the cross of Mexico X Tobacco Road. These are two of the best parents in existence so **Inca Chief** should prove to be a marvelous acquisition for any hybridizer. **HM'52; AM'54**.....**\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

**JANE PHILLIPS** (Graves '50) M-38" A new very clear light blue, deeper in color than **Helen McGregor** of which it is a seedling. Resembles its famous parent in form and size but carries more color. Many of the experts believe this as near true blue as is available today. It has been tested in many parts of this country and in England and has met with high favor everywhere. Proving to be a good parent. **HM'50; AM'52** — [Helen McGregor X Pale Moonlight x Great Lakes].....**\$1.50**

**JAN HESS** (Watkins-Graves '55) M-39" A stunning '55 introduction so fine as to be practically without competition in its class. A broadly formed medium blue bitone. Deeper and richer than **Helen McGregor**. Firm substance blooms well spaced on tall well-branched stalks. Highly praised by many Judges who have been awaiting its introduction. Fertile both ways. [Jane Phillips X Chivalry].....**\$16.00**

"I appreciated the nice plants received on my last order yesterday. After buying from some 12 different places this year, I think you sent me the nicest and largest of all."—James W. Seville, Statesville, North Carolina.

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**JOAN CRAWFORD** (Benson '54) M-40" Joan Crawford has endeared itself to all who have seen it, particularly in Miss Crawford's garden in Brentwood, California, where it received endless attention. Combining the excellent qualities of its parents, this exquisite **finely chiseled silver-blue** self presents a picture of **loveliness and serenity comparable to its namesake who unhesitatingly selected it as her favorite**. Honeysuckle-scented, full petaled, heavily substance and very stylish. Standards domed and fully closed; falls semi-flared and attractively rippled. Stock so scarce and demand so great that I must limit this to one rhizome to a customer. [Tosca X Azure Skies X Great Lakes].....**\$20.00**

**JOSEPH'S MANTLE** - See Autumn Bloomers, page 15.

**JUNE BRIDE** (Hall '52) M-32" A delectable, mouth-watering deep apricot pink with a new color which has heretofore been associated chiefly with tuberous begonias and gladioli. A large, lacy flower with remarkable stiff horizontal falls. The beard is very prominent and ever so bright, red-tangerine. A distinctive creation! **HM'52**.....**\$5.00 ▶ 3 for \$9.95**

**KEENE VALLEY** (K. Smith '49) M-40" Really outstanding as the best of a long line of wonderful blues released by Kenneth Smith. A slightly deeper blue and much smoother than its sister, the famous Blue Valley. **Very nearly true sky blue in color. Extra large** with very flaring falls. Edges of petals definitely crinkled, a little like Chantilly. **Plenty of pollen and a good seed parent**, already having yielded the new Precious Days. **HM'50** - [Lake George X Great Lakes].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**KEZAR LAKE** (Knowlton '51) M-38" A much-sought clear medium blue resembling the well known Great Lakes and the wonderful Blue Valley but a smooth self without the veining. The wide standards are domed and firmly held by strong midribs; while the falls are broad and flaring with slight fluting at the edges. Petals have almost an enamel finish. Superb and will surely prove to be a **good parent for blues and whites**. **HC'48; HM'51** [Great Lakes X Easter Morn].....**\$3.50; 3 for \$9.55**

**LADDIE** (Miss '51) M-34" A pleasing damson blue, distinctively infused with cocoa brown at the haft. The blue has an **unusual overlay of silver**, and under certain lights seems to be **more silver than blue**. Standards domed and falls flaring; both slightly ruffled. Imagine as many as nine or more of these intriguing flowers on a single stalk. Fragrant. **HM'51** - [Missouri X Great Lakes].....**\$3.00 ▶ 3 for \$5.95**

**LADY ALBRIGHT** (Muhlestein '50) ML-36" From two brilliant parents comes this vivid newcomer that will make a spotlight of attention in any garden. A **vivacious flower that is simply alive with color**. Standards, intense coppery-brown; falls, brilliant rosy violet, neatly edged in bright copper. **CC'49; HM'50** - [Veishea X Bronzed Copper].....**\$3.00 ▶ 3 for \$5.95**

**LADY ILSE** (Smith '51) ML-41" From that master breeder of the blues, Kenneth Smith, comes this **superb powder blue worthy of its great heritage**. It has impressed many Irisarians due to its great size, its **beautiful color** and its **exquisite ruffling**. Will prove very effective both in the garden and on the show bench. Coveted by breeders as already its pollen has yielded South Pacific. **HM'52; AM'55** - [Jane Phillips X Keene Valley].....**\$7.50 ▶ 3 for \$16.85**

**LADY MOHR** - See Oncobreds, page 15.....**\$1.00**

**LEADING LADY** (Lyell '50) EM-38" This scintillating lady easily leads the parade of new ice or lemon yellow Iris. In no other variety are the white and lemon tones so sharply contrasted. It is a case of love at first sight and to see it is to want it. Like an improved ruffled Golden Fleece, so you know what is in store for you. There is no lack of substance in this glittering white and gold Iris with wide flaring falls. **HM'50; AM'54** - [Matula X Midwest Gem X Yellow Sdg.].....**\$2.25**

**LIMELIGHT** (Hall '52) M-35" An extra large ruffled and very frilly flower, like a canary yellow Chantilly. The **picotted edging** and beautiful coloring attract all who see it. Novel, tantalizing, and quite irresistible. Several Iris enthusiasts have mentioned a greenish tinge to the flower but this is not always present. Nevertheless the variety should prove highly useful in breeding both for greens and new ones with the Chantilly lace. The beard is tangerine orange so it will also prove useful to those who are breeding for intense yellows with bright red beards. **Outstanding for both the fancier and the breeder! HM'52; AM'54** - [Sunray X Hall pink sdg. 46-42].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**LINDORA** (Sass '50) M-38" A real beauty that stands out because of the depth and intensity of color. Standards **deep orange-yellow; falls snowy white** with an edging and light dappling of yellow. Hardy and unusual!.....**\$2.00**

**LOTTIE LEMBRICH** - Like old-fashioned lilacs, with red beard, page 40.....**\$5.00**

**LOVE STORY** (Sapp '49) ML-36" One of the loveliest, **exceptionally pure true pink**, with very little of the salmon so common in most varieties. Flowers set off by a very prominent **scarlet-tangerine beard**. Flaring, perky flowers on tall, well-branched stalks. A vigorous grower, a heavy bloomer. **HM'50** - [Golden Eagle X D. Hall's 43-18].....**\$2.00**

**MAJORETTE** (Miess '53) Ⓢ Rosy-mauve standards, falls deep maroon, white beard.....**\$10.00**

**MARSALA** - Bright Persian Rose with red-orange beard, page 40.....**\$7.50**

**MARY RANDALL** (Fay '51) M-36" For several years this has been the most sought of all Flamingo pinks. **Popularity climaxed by winning the Dykes in '54**. A deep rose pink self with a **bright red-tangerine beard**. A splendid break in color termed Bakingal Rose. A large flower with **remarkable thickness of petals**, hafts wide, free from markings, falls round, flaring, with a rippled edge. A flower of near perfection on strong stalks with well-spaced branches. Superb for hybridizers; pollen amazingly fertile. Produces wonderful seedlings. Is the pollen parent of Fay's wonderful new **Native Dancer**, which I offer on page 33 only. [New Horizon X Pink Cameo X Cherie].....**\$12.00; 3 for \$32.95**

*Fair Mary Randall stands supreme!  
No better Iris grows!  
Its brilliant hue is something new  
Described as bengal rose.  
Deep pink with orchid undertone  
And beard full tangerine...*

*Sweet Mary Randall's like a candle  
Whose glow is so serene,  
All points a winning Iris needs  
This charming flower can claim.  
Majestic, rare and debonair,  
It merits lasting fame.  
George Nicholas Rees*

**MASKED BALL** (Buss '49) M-32" The unexpected - the only Iris I list whose standards are so much deeper color than the falls. In effect, it is the **reverse of Wabash** with heavily patterned deep blue violet standards and contrasting white falls with a narrow border to match the standards. **Try this for catching the attention of your visitors. HM'52**.....**\$1.50**

**MATTIE GATES** (Sass '46) ML-36" Reminiscent of Golden Fleece but deeper and purer color, **flower is larger, has better substance**. Standards glistening lemon yellow. Falls pure white with a wide and effective border of lemon yellow. **Unlike most Tall Bearded Iris**, this has a **white rooster-comb crest** at end of beard. Strong tendency to re-bloom in fall. Sweetly scented. Pollen plentiful. **HM'46; AM'50**.....**\$1.50**

**MAXWELTON** (Norton '51) M-38" A lovely golden brown self that has received many glowing tributes and that is said to be Mr. Norton's finest introduction. Standards soft golden tan lightening to gold at haft. Falls at haft bright metallic gold deepening to tan gold at bottom. A huge flaring flower that stands the hot sun well. **HM'52** - [Alexia Seedling X Cascade Splendor].....**\$2.50**

**MAYTIME** (Whiting '50) ML-40" If you want real excitement when your new Iris comes into bloom, don't overlook Maytime. Heralded as the **finest rose-pink amena**, and a **breeding triumph**. Standards **pale orchid-pink**, nicely rounded, cupped. Falls broad and round, deep rose, contrasting sharply with standards. Has evoked these comments of Irisarians. H. J. Randall: "Quite unlike any Iris I have ever seen." J. Willis: "I know of nothing else resembling it." Your garden needs this beautiful new pink. **AM'53** - [Pathfinder X Shannopin].....**\$5.00 ▶ 3 for \$11.25**

**MELODY LANE** (Hall '49) EM-36" One of the largest and finest in this class, so I show it to you in full color. A rich, glistening golden apricot self that has descended from two flamingo pink seedlings. Standards and falls crinkled and slightly serrated around the edge in a most appealing manner. Beard very heavy and prominent, bright crimson. **Ideal for adding an entirely new color note to YOUR Iris Rainbow**. Pleasingly fragrant. A splendid seed setter with exceptionally fertile pollen. **HM'50; AM'52**. See **Lifelike Ektachrome**.....**\$2.00**

"Melody Lane is exquisite and all that your catalogue claims it to be. You may be interested in knowing, too, that it proved to be by far my strongest grower and most profuse bloomer. The rhizome you sent me produced ten flower stalks, not one of which had less than seven blossoms, and all were perfect in color and formation. Satisfactory is hardly the word." - Page G. Nourse, Newark, Delaware.

**MEMORIES** (Sass '53) Ⓢ Beautiful salmon pink with pink beard. Very fine.....**\$15.00**

**MEMPHIS BELLE** (Pierce '52) Ⓢ Lovely bright raspberry-rose pink, tangerine beard **\$9.00**

**MIDCONTINENT** (Whiting '52) EM to L-40" A rich golden brown, nearly a self of a warm and glowing color. Large, widely rounded and well placed blooms on tall stalks. Has an **extremely long blooming season**. Heavy bloom for 4 solid weeks looking well every day in all kinds of weather. **Great things might come from crossing this with other long season bloomers** such as Ruffled Organdy, Worthy Matron, Sally Ann or Vigil. Pedigree chart free on request with each order for Midcontinent. [Aurora Dawn X Campfire Glow].....**\$4.00 ▶ 3 for \$8.95**

**MINT JULEP** (Recknor '53) M-36" A new Iris having a chartreuse coloring very similar to that of Char-Maize. A large full flower that is a true self and is devoid of any other coloring. Introduced as a breeding Iris for those interested in this elusive green coloration. Well branched. **HC'52**.....**\$1.50 ▶ 3 for \$3.35**

**MISSION GLORY** (Hamblen '54) Ⓢ Rich flaring reddish-brown of classic form.....**\$7.50**

**MOHRS** - See my full listing of Oncobreds, starting on page 13.

**MR. MOON** (Weed '55) Ⓢ Ruffled clear white of remarkable height, up to 62".....**\$9.00**

**MULBERRY SNOW** - Horned Iris, sister of Unicorn, page 3.....**\$35.00**


**MYSTIC LEGEND** - Huge and new. From Green Pastures pollen, page 40.....**\$20.00**






### 3 FAMOUS YELLOW AMOENAS

- MYSTIC MELODY** (Stevens '51) M-36" A sister seedling of Summit and while less contrasting, it is no less glamorous. Actually there is a haunting loveliness about the butter yellow of the enameled sun-drenched falls and the luminous shimmering cream of the silken moonlit standards that weaves a spell over the beholder and leaves him rapt. A substantial improvement over its pioneering predecessor Pinnacle. Elegant and lovely. **HM'52** - [Fair Elaine X (Lagos x Gudrun x Sdlg.)].....**\$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$5.95**
- PINNACLE** (Stevens '49) M-38" Still widely sought for its pleasing and unusual coloring. An entirely new and decorative color pattern—standards in clear, sparkling white effectively contrasting with falls of smooth primrose yellow, beautifully molded. So fresh they remind one of daffodils dancing in the breeze. Sometimes re-blooms in the fall. **HM'49; AM'51** - [Magnolia X Gudrun x (Lady Morveth x Rangataria)].....**\$2.00**
- SUMMIT** (Stevens '51) EM-40" Many pick Summit as their first choice among the three somewhat similar yellow amoenas as it has by far the strongest contrast between standards and falls. Standards pure snow white, falls deep golden yellow, much more intense than in Pinnacle. An Iris that is of epochal importance to breeders and I expect it to prove to be a hybridizer's paradise. [Sister to Mystic Melody].....**\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

**NIGHT PATROL** (Benson '54)  Very deep violet-blue, like a black butterfly in flight.....**\$10.00**

**NORAH** (Lapham '52) ML-40" A luscious apple-blossom pink with a deep tangerine beard. Unlike most of the pinks, the falls are almost as pink as the standards. Exceptionally well-branched, usually with 9 blooms per stalk. A splendid vigorous grower. [Bonny X Paradise Pink].....**\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95**

**ORANGE CREAMO** (Muhlestein '53)  Luscious orange-apricot of fine lineage. Heavy substance.....**\$12.50**

**ORCHID RUFFLES** (Schreiner '54) EM-35" The famous lace edge Chantilly is gradually beginning to appear in Iris of other colors. Orchid Ruffles is the first true lavender with that much-sought lace edge. A flower of shimmering loveliness and ethereal beauty that the discriminating Iris fancier will take to his heart. Far-sighted breeders will be quick to cross this with other new lace edged varieties such as Ruffled Apache, Limglight, Crispette and Blue Debut. [Harriet Thoreau X (Angelus x ?) x (Matula x sdlg. (Noweta x Violet Cr.)]].....**\$7.50**

**ORIENTAL GLORY** (Salbach '50) M-30" This is the new name of the tE variety which received so many favorable comments as Oriental Splendor. Everyone I talked to seemed to have it on their "must-get" list. The color and brilliance are dramatic. Standards domed, glistening mahogany red; falls flaring, rich mahogany brown, changing to gold at haft with a brilliant violet-blue blaze in the center of the falls. Get this and enter it at the next flower show. **HM'52** - [Brilliant Amber X Sultan's Robe seedling].....**\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.25**

**PACEMAKER** (Lapham '50) EM-36" While we have had many fine reds, every Iris fan is eagerly looking for some real improvements in this popular class. Hence I am proud to present Mr. Lapham's Pacemaker. It is much too new for final judgment, but it is unquestionably among the top few reds available today. A bright red self, exceptionally smooth and possessing a silken-lace finish, with an absence of detracting haft venations. Holds great promise as a breeding Iris. Pollen highly fertile; sets seed well. Mr. Lapham is using it extensively in his own breeding; already he has a series of remarkable red seedlings. **HM'50** - [Edward Lapham X Red Waves].....**\$2.50**

**PAGAN PRINCESS** (Douglas '48) M-38" First deep pink with a tangerine beard. Standards lovely Persian pink, falls deep Persian rose, with a narrow edging like standards. Flowers large and well formed and have great individuality. I consider this to be splendid basic material for the adventurous hybridizer. Known to yield startling offspring. In great demand. Often re-blooms in winter in mild climates. Fertile both ways. **HM'48** - [Pink Cameo x (#40-10 x Melitta) x Flora Zenor] **Photo at left**.....**\$1.50**

**PALOMINO** (Hall '52) E-M-36" A new departure in Flamingos with a color pattern so distinct that it stands out from everything else in the garden. Standards coppery pink sharply contrasting with ivory falls prominently bordered in coppery amber. Beard rich red-tangerine, bright as a bonfire, wonderfully effective against the ivory falls. A huge Iris of such splendid form and substance, and with such a marvelous color effect that it will indeed transform any garden. People sometimes feel that many of the Flamingos are too much alike but no one can say this about Palomino. It has no counterpart anywhere. To see it is to want it! This is one of the two Announced Secret Varieties for 1956. See page 37. **HM'52; AM'54** - [Hi-Time X 46-31].....**\$10.00**

**PARADISE PINK** (Lapham '50) L-32" It is certainly one of the very pinkest Iris released to date. A self of sufficient intensity and depth of color to have real landscape value. Has a particularly pleasing reddish-tangerine beard. Of exceptional value to hybridizers as its family tree includes some of Lapham's fine reds to give brilliance to the offspring. Complete pedigree back for three to five generations furnished on request with every order for Paradise Pink. Pleasing spicy fragrance. **HM'50; AM'52** - [Fore-runner X Spindrift x Isabella].....**\$2.50**

**PARISIANA** - Seed-parent of Wm. Mohr. Available with Gatesii. See page 5.

**PARTY DRESS** (Muhlestein '51) ML-34" Delightful. Most ruffled of all the Flamingo Pinks. This immediately makes one think of a little girl's frilly party dress. The color is actually pinker than the famous Pink Formal. Here you will find charm, personality and quality. Reported to be the best new parent for tangerine-bearded pinks that is now on the market. It is fertile both ways and its offspring have proved to be remarkably fine. Has a long tangerine beard, yields highly colorful and varied beards in its offspring. Every hybridizer should have this. Complete pedigree back for several generations, on request with every order for Party Dress. **RU AM'53; AM'54** - [Lancaster x D. Hall's 42-10] X Sister to Pink Formal].....**\$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$6.75**

**PASTELLA** - Lavender-rose with tangerine beard, page 40.....**\$5.00**

**PATHFINDER** (Whiting '48) ML-36" Mrs. Whiting says it has been the most talked-of seedling in her garden. Blooms are large and round with very wide petals and wide hafts. While the color contains a little lavender, there are more true pink tones in this than in most of the others. The petals have a surprising glistening sheen to them and are of extremely heavy substance. Very prolific of bloom and increase. **HM'48** - [Mirabelle X Angeles].....**\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95**

**PHALANX** (Schreiner '51) E-36" A novelty Iris of rare coloring in an unusual fuchsia hue. Falls have a metallic rose sheen enhanced by a blue blaze in center. Reminiscent of the lustre of a shining Christmas tree ornament. Try this to catch the attention of every visitor to your garden. [Red Amber X Lothario].....**\$1.50**

**PHANTOM GOLD** (Stevens) E-36" A lovely new type of gold Iris from New Zealand that is exceptionally vivid in effect. Flowers early, often giving the Iris garden its first note of exciting color. Standards pure opaque gold, smooth and heavy-textured. Falls opaque gold with an enchanting overlay of russet-brown. Very distinct.....**\$2.00**

**PIERRE MENARD** (Faught '48) M-38" Probably the largest blue Iris in existence today. Flowers have been measured with a spread of 8" and a height of 6". A deep medium blue self with a wonderful enamel finish. A lovely wave to the petals. H. Randall, recent president, British Iris Society, says this has as pure a color as any he has seen. A clump is breathtaking. Highly promising as a parent. **RU Dykes '53**.....**\$2.00**

**PINAFORE LASS** - Almost like Japanese Iris, fascinating, page 21.....**\$4.00**

**PINK BOUNTIFUL** (Cook '49) M-39" Pinkest of all orchid pinks and has perfectly formed flowers with broad petals of heavy substance. Very bountiful in the production of its gorgeous flowers. Tall and exceptionally hardy. A perfect beauty! **HM'51** - [Seedling of Harriet Thoreau].....**\$1.50**

**PINK CAVALIER** (Wallace '55) 50" A tall, showy reddish-salmon-pink, with a flaming strawberry-red beard. Buds intense red-salmon. Flowers 5½" to 6". Many of the blooms meet one at eye-level. Imagine what this may do in improving the height and branching in your breeding. Also has the lace-edged Midwest Gem in its pedigree! [(Hall's 41-10 x Midwest Gem) X Orange Pink Seedling].....**\$12.50**

**PINK FLARE** (Austin '55) M-40" A very tall Flamingo pink that stands out across the garden. Standards smooth light salmon pink. Falls bright rose orchid-pink, strikingly marked with white veins radiating from the large, intense tangerine beard. Falls very stiff and flaring. [Buffawn X Flora Zenor].....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**PINK FORMAL** (Muhlestein '49) E to L-40" So outstanding it was the only Flamingo among the runners-up for the 1953 Dyke's Medal. For several years, Pink Formal was running Cherie a close race for top position among the pinks. Pink Formal has a richer coloring and much heavier substance. Close to pure pink, but slightly on the salmon side with intense red-tangerine beard. Probably unsurpassed among pinks in its ability to stand up in the wind, rain and sun. I have personally found this to be the most outstanding of all Flamingo Pinks in its ability to yield a heavy set of seeds whether used as a seed parent or a pollen parent. A setting of pods with this has often been close to 100%. Already proven to pass its many good points on to its children. **AM'51; RU Dykes '53** - [Golden Eagle X SQ27].....**\$2.00**

**PINK PLUME** (Schreiner '51) ML-36" One of the sensational introductions of the past few seasons. A charming orchid-pink self, much like a glorified Dreamcastle but pinker, larger and lighter. A supremely beautiful Iris with exquisite domed standards and broad falls with a classic perfection of form. Has proved to be the center of attraction for camera fans in various gardens throughout the country. Better get your order in early! **HM'52; AM'54** - [Harriet Thoreau X (Angelus x Matula Sdlg.)].....**\$2.00**

**PINK SENSATION** (Hall '48) VE-33" I have tested dozens and dozens of the newest Flamingo Pinks and this has turned out to be the pinkest of all to date. A true, delicate light pink, without the usual influence of lavender or salmon, sporting a bright orange-red beard. A large flower, full and rounded, with novel facinated petal edges. Pinks are always scarce early in the season and this has the distinct advantage of being extremely early, actually one of the first Tall Bearded to come into flower. One you need to start off your Iris season with excitement. Tops for the hybridizer. **HM'50; AM'52** - [Pink Seedling x Courtier].....**\$2.50**

**PINNACLE** - See blue box of yellow-amoenas, starting with Mystic Melody.....**\$2.00**

**PAGAN PRINCESS** — Note the Red Beard — **\$1.50**







**PRETTY QUADROON** — Ruffling adds real charm — \$3.50

**PLACERITA** (Miss '50) M-36" A superb descendant of the famous Tobacco Road, having a more intense color and a more golden hue; also it has more vigorous growing habits. A large beautifully ruffled flower in a color resulting from a mingling of rich gold, copper and brown, blended together to form a harmonious whole. Sparkles as if sprinkled with gold dust. Falls wide, flaring horizontally. Low branched. [Tobacco Road X Matula] ..... **\$3.50** ➤ **3 for \$7.85**

**PLACER MAID** (Austin '52) M-24" A lovely new fancy done in pastel tints. Standards rich rufous buff, with style crests in bright orange-buff appearing between them. Falls vary from white, flushed with lavender, to deep lavender brushed in white, in what is termed a "fancy" pattern. Falls edged with a broad band of buff, decorated with an intricate pattern of fine needlework in dark brown. Harmonizing bronze beard, tipped gold. One lady who saw this at our gardens remarked it reminded her of the elegance of the wild eastern Lady's Slipper. Comes from same cross that yielded my three Horned Iris, namely, [JS-M-176B X 628] ..... **\$3.50**

"I was simply thrilled with your Placer Maid. I really do think that the catalogue description, is far too modest for such a charmer. I rate it as one of my favourite Iris. It certainly is one of the most unusual! The stem produced several flowers, two of which, exhibited small horns on one of their falls. The horns measured 1/2 inch long, and I think they are quite novel." Esmond Jones, New South Wales, Australia.

**PLUMED DELIGHT** — Choice of all horned Iris, page 3 ..... **\$5.00**

**PLUM PRETTY** (DeForest '49) M-34" A most unusual intriguing color, soft dark dusty crimson. A complete self with bright violet signal spot at the end of yellow beard. A new color that will be sought by flower arrangers due to its combining and harmonizing qualities. Pollen plentiful. HM'50 — [Calderilla X Tobacco Road] **\$1.50** ➤ **3 for \$3.35**

**PRAIRIE JEWEL** (Sass '53) Ⓝ Imagine, flamingo-pink standards, broad Dahlia-like falls ..... **\$15.00**

**PRETENDER** (Cook '51) L-36" A distinctive creation in a color pattern never before seen in modern tetraploid Iris. The best of a series of seedlings Mr. Cook calls his "blue-falled variegatas," in distinction to the usual variegatas which have falls in red or reddish-purple. This unique new bicolor has yellow standards and falls of deep blue violet. A real advance in new Iris color patterns. Already it is providing excitement for both fanciers and hybridizers. .... **\$7.50**

**PRETTY PANSY** (Sass '49) 36" Entrancing and different is this remarkable deep indigo-blue Iris with a striking white area at the haft. When a visitor sees this for the first time there is always an exclamation of surprise and delight. Plant it to attract attention. HM'50 — [Bertha Gersdorff x Moonlit Sea] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**PRETTY QUADROON** (Kleinsorge '48) ML-40" One of the very latest advances in the wonderful new brown tones. A revelation in lovely color harmonies, and superbly ruffled for M. A light coppery brown, smooth and appealing, with a glistening metallic luster and an undertone of amethyst and gold. A real sensation at one of the recent meetings of the A.I.S. and a variety I predict will be top-flight for years to come. HM'48; AM'50 — [Mexico x Tobacco Road] ..... **\$3.50; 3 for \$9.55**

**PRIVATEER** (Tompkins '54) Ⓝ A red so fine it attracts as much attention as Defiance ..... **\$25.00**

**QUECHEE** (Knowlton '50) M-37" Quechee has impressed me so much that I have taken a color picture of it and present it herewith to show you the intensity of its coloring and its wonderful flaring falls. A handsome garnet-red self with broad cupped standards, flaring falls and a thick short bronze beard. Unlike many reds, the flowers do not burn or fade under the hot sun and remain in fine condition due to their heavy substance. Nicely branched and a very good grower. Pollen plentiful. HM'50; AM'53 — [Prince of Orange x Redyen]. Life-like photo ..... **\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**RADIATION** (Hall '48) E-32" A vivid raspberry or orchid pink that has received almost as much acclaim as the world-famous Cherie. The beard is of deepest red-tangerine and is set off in a stunning manner by the wonderful apricot glow that envelops the heart of the flower. Exceptionally large, with domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Liked by everyone because of the brilliance of its coloring. HM'48; AM'50 — [Raspberry colored Seedling X Premier Peach] ..... **\$3.00** ➤ **3 for \$5.95**

**RAINBOW ROOM** (Sass '46) ML-34" This bewitching flower brings together many of the colors of the Rainbow. Flower seems as if lighted from within; surface of falls sparkles as if dusted with gold crystals. Form of the flower is about perfect and there is a lovely ruffling that adds character to the bloom. Pollen abundant. HM'47; AM'51 — [Y Blend #50-36 (Sass. H.P.) X Matula] ..... **\$1.50**

**RASPBERRY RIBBON** (Schreiner '51) EM-34" Once seen, never to be forgotten. Most stunning of plicatas—even surpassing the sensational Minnie Colquitt, which it somewhat resembles. Raspberry Ribbon is much more of a real raspberry tone, a bright exciting color, applied generously and boldly, so it carries clear across the garden. Also, the contrast is sharper, flower is fresher, brighter and starchier. Standards almost solid raspberry coloring except for a slight flush of white. Falls dazzling white made ever so prominent by the wide edging of pure raspberry. An Iris that draws Iris lovers with a powerful magnetic force. Plant it where you will; your visitors will find it and stand in admiration. HM'51; AM'53. See life-like Color Plate ..... **\$4.00**

**REAL GOLD** — See Oncobreds, page 16 ..... **\$6.00**

**REGIS ROYAL** (Marx '50) ML-38" A new giant that will appeal to Iris fanciers and especially those who desire something different in red Iris. An absolute self in rose tones and garnet red. It will do wonders in brightening up your garden. [Prairie Sunset X Garden Magic] ..... **\$2.00**

**REHOBETH** (DeForest '53) Ⓝ Superb 7" blue, next to top '55 Judges Choice. Unbeatable ..... **\$17.50**

**RICH RAIMENT** (Craig '49) M-34" One of the most distinctive, colorful fancies to appear in a long time. Everyone seems intrigued by unusual color pattern of this big new flower. Standards light crimson, flushed yellow; falls large, broad, of splendid substance, dark crimson with white lines radiating from brownish yellow beard. Falls very flaring, edges waved. Top material for exhibition. Pollen exceedingly abundant. HM'50 ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**RIO VALLEY** (Tompkins '51) Ⓝ Beautiful bright golden brown; small blue signal ..... **\$7.50**

**ROBERT ALEXANDER** (Lothrop '55) M to L-40" A large and impressively ruffled absolute self in amber yellow, refined and well proportioned. Standards waved, well-closed; falls broadly rippling, flaring to a five-inch diameter. Has candelabra-branching, with three blossoms often open at once; an exquisite flower that will delight the connoisseur. [Hills of Gold X Aztec Copper x Jean Cayeux] ..... **\$10.00**

**ROSABELLA** (Kleinsorge '51) VE-48" Stands out across the garden due to its remarkable brilliance and depth of color—a deep rose red self with haft prominently flushed in metallic copper. A pleasing bronze orange beard completes the color harmony of this gorgeous flower. Very large, extra broad standards and falls. So imposing it will stop your visitors in their tracks! HM'52 ..... **\$2.00** ➤ **3 for \$4.50**

**ROSE SAILS** (Pierce '55) Ⓝ Seedling of Memphis Belle, more rose in color ..... **\$15.00**

**ROYAL SOVEREIGN** (Stevens '51) ML-38" An Iris so exceptional and of such quality that visitors seem to be drawn to it magnetically. A lustrous light golden orange reminding one of the California poppy. Sensationally smooth and clean—a true self without a single vein or variation of color. Falls very velvety like a rich plush. Standards rigidly held, of taffeta-like texture. Destined to become very popular. HM'53 — [Golden Majesty X (Naranja x Redmayne)] ..... **\$3.00** ➤ **3 for \$5.95**

**RUFFLED APACHE** — Rosy crimson with heavy Chantilly-lace, page 40 ..... **\$12.50**

**RUFFLED BOUQUET** (Rees '47) M-42" A beautiful Snow Flurry seedling from the creator of the ever-popular Snow Flurry itself. With many varieties the ruffling seems rather incidental, but here it is a definite feature. Perfect flaring form with very heavy substance, much better than in Snow Flurry. Standards luscious creamy-yellow; falls white, brushed and edged to match standards. HM'52 — [Snow Flurry X Sunburst] ..... **\$2.25; 3 for \$5.95**

**RUFFLED GEM** (Muhlestein '51) ML-36" A lovely iridescent pinkish-buff becoming light yellow in the center of falls. Petals edged with a very heavy Chantilly-lace, even heavier than in Chantilly. Beard bright yellow ending in a crest. A very distinctive Iris. Should be useful as a breeder for ruffling or pinks. Lots of pollen. [Midwest Gem X Sib to Dream Girl] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**QUECHEE** — A grand non-fading red — \$2.50







**RASPBERRY RIBBON** — Bold new *plicata* — \$4.00

**RUFFLED ORGANDY** (Brenan '53) E to L-42" An Iris with universal and spontaneous appeal, yet one that defies adequate description. Hence, I decided to show it to you in natural color. As you will see, it has a **perfection and beauty of color and form that can hardly be duplicated by any other Bearded Iris in this entire catalog.** A highly ruffled ivory-cream with a pearly undertone and a light gold border. Falls so large and so **beautifully rounded one would almost think it had an Oncos in its ancestry;** but its pedigree does not indicate this. Tall 42" stalks with unbelievably fine 5-way branching and up to 23 buds. This insures a very long blooming season which will usually extend for at least a month. Winter hardy. Has been approved and appreciated by the Iris judges since its introduction. In '53 it **topped the list of H.M.'s.** In '55 it received the AM, and in addition was 4th from the top in the elite list that constitute the "Judge's Choice." **Fertile both ways.** With such blood it cannot miss as a good breeder for new bearded Iris and visions of its many seedlings in lovely colors come to the mind's eye. Also it would seem to be **made to order** for the hybridizer eager to cross with Oncobreds and even true Oncos. It already has close to a perfect form and with that height and superb branching it is **just what is needed for crossing with Oncos and their derivatives.** No breeder should pass up an opportunity like this! [Gilt Edge X (Snow Flurry X Nylon)] ..... **\$5.00**

**RUFFLED TAFFETA** (Miess '54) EM-42" An exceptionally large deep pinkish lavender of such remarkable substance that it can best be compared to the heaviest taffeta. Imagine this cloth drawn into **ruffles more artful and appealing than any human hand can make** and you have an idea of the effect of this unique flower. Also, like taffeta, the color varies, but is always pleasing to the most exacting eyes. Beard cream colored. Very tall stalks with fine low branching. HM'55 — [(Snow Flurry X Great Lakes) X Lake Tenaya] ..... **\$12.00**

**SAFARI** (Plough '55) Ⓝ New fancy done in cream and tan; very flaring..... **\$6.00**

**SARAH GOODLOE** (Douglas '49) ML-38" A red of distinctive form and coloring. Standards arched, conical and pointed giving a very interesting effect. Dark crimson standards, almost black maroon falls with velvety finish. A highly unique feature is that the **hafts are almost green.** Pollen plentiful. Pleasingly fragrant. HC'48; HM'49 — [Display X (Scarlet O'Hara X Soldano) x Gallant Leader] ..... **\$2.50**

**SILVER PLATTER** — Sky-blue self of the novel flat type, page 21..... **\$2.00**

**SILVER SUNLIGHT** (Douglas '49) VL-36" A great addition to the late blooming class of Iris; will extend your season materially. A fascinating and unusual combination of colors. Large domed standards are **clear golden yellow on the outside, white on the inside,** while the flaring falls are **white on the upper surface, yellow underneath.** Charming as a cut flower as well as in the garden. [Raejean X Northman] ..... **\$4.00**

**SKY PILOT** (Benbow '52) EM-48" A vivid bright light blue with very shapely flowers having rather conical standards and semi-flaring falls. **Very beautiful. Usually carries 5 or 6 large flowers fully open at a time forming an inflorescence about 30 inches long.** A new one that I have just imported from England from Reverend Benbow, who also created Saffron Charm. [Blue Morn X Great Lakes] ..... **\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$4.95**

**SOLAR MAID** (Sass '55) Ⓝ Heavy substance rich dandelion yellow, self beard **\$15.00**

**SOLID GOLD** (Kleinsorge '51) ML-36" For years we thought of Ola Kala and Berkeley Gold as the finest deep yellows available—but now comes **SOLID GOLD** to completely overshadow all previous contenders for the top position in this important color class. It is **huge** in size and the **deepest, most intense yellow imaginable.** The form is ideal, with very wide hafts. The intense color is remarkably fade-proof and lasting, even in the bright sun. **I can recommend this without hesitation as being the finest yellow available today. Proving to be a superb parent;** has already yielded the 1955 introductions Front Page and Full Reward. AM'53 — [#338 X Ola Kala] ..... **\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

**SO SWEET** (LaFrenz '54) EM-40" A Snow Flurry descendant that stands out as it is **probably the most fragrant Iris in our entire garden.** When exhibited at an Iris show its fragrance causes more people to stop by **So Sweet** than any other Iris. A lovely pale porcelain blue-white with large rounded flowers, well branched. [Snow Flurry X Chivalry] ..... **\$5.00**

**SPELLBOUND** (Linse '51) E to L-40" A large, spectacular new red with wonderful horizontally flaring falls. Will hold you spellbound. A beautiful thing **done in fiery red** with smoothly blended golden hafts and a **golden overlay** on both standards and falls. It positively glows! Remains unfaded in hot sun, a rare quality for a bright blend. Has the **delectable fragrance of spice pinks.** HM'52 — [Tobacco Road X Prairie Sunset] ..... **\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**SPOTLIGHT** (Schreiner '52) ML-40" An Iris so well named that it will very definitely spotlight the attention in your garden on this particular flower. Yes, it **will be a conversation piece,** for it is a magnificent, very large new Iris in deep golden yellow with a deep orange-yellow beard with a stunning white signal at the end of the beard. **Breeders will be quick to use this for crossing with Oncobreds and even true Oncos to accentuate and bring out the signal.** So far no Bearded Iris has a signal that can compare with that on some Oncos but here the breeding opportunity awaits the efforts of the thoughtful hybridizer. A flower that may be called the "style champion" for it has that poise and polish along with tall stalks and exceptionally fine branching. Spotlight will do wonders in bringing your garden up to date in the yellow class. HM'50 — [Goldbeater X Unknown] ..... **\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95**

**SPRING MELODY** (Miess '54) Ⓝ Flaring bright yellow, like a bird-on-the-wing. **\$12.00**

**SPRING ROMANCE** (Miess '49) EM-42" A breath-taking new release with **huge 7-inch blooms** of extra heavy substance and long lasting qualities. A tall, waxy, non-fading, **cream-white, with a frosty overlay and a heavy infusion of aureolin gold** at the haft, casting a golden glow over entire bloom. A deep orange beard completes the color picture. Very floriferous. Delightful fragrance. **Gold Cup '48 Hollywood Show. HM'50. [Melitta X Narain].....\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$4.50**

**STAR** (Weed '52) M-42" A splendid new yellow of very large size and great height. It has been such a stand-out in the garden that it has **out-sold most of the other yellows.** A soft light yellow with striking bold network at the haft. Heavy wide orange beard. A lovely Iris of beautiful form. A vigorous grower with magnificent foliage. Has abundant fertile pollen. Shows its beautiful beard in its offspring. [Mrs. Stella Stedman X Ming Yellow] ..... **\$3.00**

**STARLIFT** (Benson '54) Ⓝ Heavily-ruffled thick-textured deep cornflower blue. Great. .... **\$12.50**

**STAR SHINE** (Wills '49) ML-36" An entrancing deep cream, white and pearly blue, the colors so skillfully blended that it has the **iridescent gleam of lustrous pearls.** The broad domed standards are deep buff cream; the white flaring falls have a suggestion of blue in the center and an edging to match the standards. Flowers so firmly substantiated that they stand up when other Iris succumb to the elements. Blooms over a long season. Many who can afford only one or two fine Iris at a time, would do well to include this on their list. **RU Dykes '53; Romney Towndrow Trophy for the Iris of best form, '53 — [(Hermitage x Hernani) X Song of Gold].....\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$5.50**

**STATEN ISLAND** (Smith '47) ML-38" Ace of variegatas, and the standard by which others are judged. Has earned this enviable reputation due to real superiority. Remarkable clarity, **brilliance of coloring. Exceptionally long blooming season.** Standards domed, **bright old gold** with a metallic sheen like gold cloth. Falls very flaring, **velvety red,** broadly edged the same color as standards. Never fails to inspire exclamations of delight. Place it where you will in your garden and your visitors will quickly congregate at this point. HM'48; AM'51 — [The Red Admiral X City of Lincoln] **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**RUFFLED ORGANDY**  
Perfection in form and color — \$5.00





**STRATHMORE** (Morris '49) EM-32" As so many have been eager to learn more about this much-heralded pink from England, I have taken an Ektachrome in natural color and this is reproduced here for you. A beautiful clear light salmon pink. A flower of remarkable purity and truthness of color. In close harmony with this virtue is an exceptionally smooth, precise styling well shown in the picture. Beard a prominent feature, bright tangerine red. A good seed-setter and pollen parent. Very high among desirable parents in breeding flamingo pinks, to bring in fresh blood from overseas. Personally selected by H.M. Queen Mother Elizabeth and named for her own home. Now you can have it! [Edward of Windsor x Hall Pink seedling.] See color photo. .... \$5.00

**SUGARPLUM** (Corey '53) Like a pinker Chantilly with lace edge & flaring form ..... \$15.00

**SUMMIT** - See blue box of yellow amoenas, starting with Mystic Melody. .... \$3.00

**SURPRISE PARTY** (Kleinsorge '55) A new combination - rosy lilac standards, apricot falls. .... \$10.00

**SURRENDER** (Tompkins '51) ML-38" A distinctive white of novel coloring. A very large, broad-petaled and nicely tailored flower that looks as if it might well have been cut from thick white velvet. The upper part of the fall is smooth canary yellow, flowing from the throat onto the hafts and outer edges of the white falls. A strange, indefinable pink glow seems to permeate the whole flower; this is not surprising since Pink Tower was the pollen parent. Pollen plentiful. HM'53 - [Lamplit Hour x Pink Tower]. .... \$5.00 > 3 for \$9.95

**SWAGGER** (Lothrop '53) Big, bold, jaunty blue-black, broad flaring falls. .... \$7.50

**TABASCO** (Craig '51) Like paprika sprinkled over an omelet. A massive fancy. .... \$5.00

**TABU** (Schreiner '54) The blackest of all Bearded Iris on the market. .... \$12.00

**TALLY-HO** (Hall '49) ML-34" Something new and pleasingly different! Upper part of falls is close to the deep coloring seen in a bright fuchsia-colored orchid. The domed standards and lower part of falls are lighter. Breeders will delight in having this as it is a wonderful parent; when crossed with clear Flamingo pinks it throws orchid pinks, golden apricots and even some burgundy shades. It is one of the parents of such delightful varieties as Heritage, Pink Sensation and Fuchsia. HM'50 - [Fantasy x Golden Eagle x pink blend]. .... \$5.00 > 3 for \$11.25

**TANGERINE CREAM** (Austin '54, Milestone Series) EM-32" One of the first creams with tangerine beard. Standards creamy white, faintly flushed pink. Falls rich cream, stiff, quite flaring. A very bright orange-tangerine beard gives a striking contrast. Often 3 flowers in bloom at once. Abundant pollen. [Buffawn x Flora Zenor]. .... \$2.00

**TECHNICOLOR** (Whiting '50) M-34" Of all the reds I have bloomed (and they are legion), I believe this is the nearest approach to true spectrum red yet achieved. A glowing ruby-mahogany red self that immediately attracts every visitor. Surpasses famous reds such as Ranger and Solid Mahogany for color and smoothness. Fully cold-hardy and very free-flowering. Comes from Garden Glory x Rocket, so it is easy to see where it gets its brilliance. Pollen plentiful, fertile. Great things are to be expected from this in breeding. Already it has produced some remarkable seedlings for Mrs. Whiting and also the famous Defiance for Chet Tompkins. HM'50; RU AM'53. .... \$3.50 > 3 for \$6.95

**TEMPLE BELLS** - Imagine, apricot-yellow with red beard, page 40. .... \$7.50

**TENSLEEP** (Moore '52) LM-36" White, heavily and variably marked in dark blue - in fact, the marks are so strange and irregular that no two flowers are alike. Large, well-shaped flowers on nicely branched stalks. Originated in Northern Wyoming, so is fully hardy. [Tiffany x Cinnamon Bear]. .... \$5.00 > 3 for \$9.95

**THE CITADEL** (Watkins-Graves '54) Most beautiful pure white imaginable ..... \$17.50

**THE KNOCKOUT** (Muhlestein '51) ML-36" A stunning Iris that is indeed a knockout. Rich yellow standards, falls lighter brushed heavy yellow on the hafts adjoining a deep orange beard. A clean and delightful combination of colors. Flowers large and full in all parts. Useful for breeding lovely yellows, pinks and blends. [Remembrance x Ming Yellow x Prairie Sunset]. .... \$2.00 > 3 for \$3.95

**THE LAUGHING CAVALIER** (Lothrop '53) Blue bitone, dark velvety, white beard. .... \$6.00

**THE MAD HATTER** (Lyon '51) M & L-42" A 1951 introduction that already has promise of leading the parade of dark, rich reds. Color is the deepest of maroon reds with velvety falls overlaid with blackish maroon. An imposing flower abundantly produced on tall 3 1/2 foot stalks with good branching. From Ranger x Cordovan, and, like all of its sister seedlings, emits the sweetest and most pleasing fragrance. Crosses of this with Pacemaker, Frontier Days and Technicolor represent the next major step in breeding better reds. May re-bloom. HM'51. .... \$4.00

**THE TANNER** (Muhlestein '51) ML-31" An unusual mustard-tan self of fine flaring form. Quite different from anything else in my collection of over 1,000 named varieties; hence, is bound to attract attention in your garden, for even a single stalk is arresting. Fine blood for browns, coppers and yellows. Should be crossed with extra tall varieties such as Ruffled Organdy, Star and Mr. Moon. [Fortune X Tobacco Road]. .... \$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

**THORWALD** (Knowlton '55) Broad-petaled, colorful orange blend. .... \$10.00

**THOTMES III** (Kleinsorge '50) ML-40" Named for an Egyptian Pharaoh and already fabulous in Iris circles. The very latest of the Kleinsorge browns to adorn our garden. A gigantic Iris with extra broad falls and heavy texture in a glistening golden brown with an illusive iridescence. Won silver medal at London Iris Show. Will be in heavy demand for years to come. Better get your order in before stocks are exhausted. HM'51; AM'53 - [Mexico X Kleinsorge 314]. .... \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

**THURLOW WEED** - An Iris freak. See Oddities, page 21. .... \$2.00

### 1 of the 2 Most Outstanding IRIS for '56

**TOP FLIGHT** (Hall '53) M-34" Resembles the already famous Temple Bells, but is more deeply colored and more of an apricot than yellow. A luscious smooth apricot pink that wins the praise of every visitor. Beard fiery orange-red and very thick and heavy. Plant this where you will, then watch your visitors congregate at this point. Indescribably beautiful. Near the top in BOTH the 1955 Awards of Merit and Judges Choice. [Hall pink lines]. .... \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

**TRAIL BLAZER** (Milliken '51) M-44" A fascinating and almost indescribable blend of colors. A fiery red-mulberry with a startlingly brilliant blaze of blue in the center of the falls. A touch of ruby-red flanks the cinnamon beard. Tannish tones touch the standards and border the falls in a quaint fashion. A novel and distinctive flower that will appeal to all who like brilliant color effects. .... \$3.50 > 3 for \$6.95



STRATHMORE - From England - \$5.00

**TRANQUILITY** (Fay '50) ML-38" A Snow Flurry descendant that is a larger and finer flower than its famous parent. The green is not so very pronounced and some who have described it have not mentioned green. Don Waters reporting from Ohio says "A flaring white Iris with green shadows throughout. Very good."; also Leslie Cave in England writes "Well named, being a blue-white with a greenish tinge. Most cool and refreshing." Since Snow Flurry may well be today's number one parent, it is anticipated that Tranquility will prove exceedingly useful to breeders, particularly those working toward greens. AM'53 - [Snow Flurry X Katherine Fay]. .... \$2.50 > 3 for \$5.50

**TRULY YOURS** (Fay '49) VL-38" A huge new creation that is both breathtaking and spectacular. Has taken the country by storm. A beautiful heavily-ruffled yellow bitone with Chantilly-like edging of lace on both the standards and falls. Heart of flower is bright yellow shading off to almost white at the bottom of falls and top of standards. Most ruffled and lace-edged of all in this class. Completely winter hardy. Fortunately for the hybridizer, Truly Yours has fertile pollen and sets seed excellently. Start now to add this most effective frilling to Iris of other colors. Try crossing with Clara B, Ruffled Gem, Ruffled Apache and Limeright. '53 Dykes Medal - [(Rameses x Far West) x Hall 42-35] X Zantha. .... \$7.50

*A gardener gazed at his goodly rows  
Of freshly blooming flowers;  
His thoughts ascended beyond  
earth's woes.  
Forgotten were weary hours  
As he saw in a seedling Iris bed  
A marvel of gold and white—  
In size, in beauty and grace, it led . . .  
In every point . . . delight!*

*The gardener nurtured his faultless prize,  
Reward of a patient toil . . .  
As fair as the wings of butterflies,  
Or a masterpiece in oil.  
He sensed the charm of this ruffled gem  
Would spread to other shores . . .  
Inspiring you as it gladdened him—  
So he named it "Truly Yours!"  
George Nicolas Rees*

**ULTRA VIOLET** (Buss '55) Serenely beautiful, like a woods violet ..... \$20.00

**UNICORN** - The first horned Iris, page 3. .... \$25.00

**UTAH SUNSET** (Muhlestein '51) EM-32" Originated by Tell Muhlestein who claims it is the largest and smoothest blend he knows. Simply luscious in its blending of onion-skin pink, buff and salmon. Every garden visitor is drawn to its size and coloring. The hafts are so smooth and unlined it will be a boon to hybridizers. Preliminary tests indicate that its seedlings are very fine. HC'49 - [Honeyflow X 46-16]. .... \$3.00 > 3 for \$5.95

**VANDABETH** (Miles '52) M-36" An Iris of rare perfection in a pale blue, smoothly overlaid with heliotrope gradually deepening in the heart of the flower and harmonizing with a deep yellow beard. Standards conic. Falls flaring, slightly ruffled. Has a heavy quality that withstands adverse weather conditions. Altogether a lovely ensemble and one much to be desired. [Vanda X Elizabeth of England]. .... \$7.50

**VEILED IN MYSTERY** (Milliken '51) 36" Mysterious and very lovely is this most unusual color break—a satin white with an ethereal dusting of the palest chartrreuse. Both standards and falls exquisitely fluted and ruffled. Another special feature of this creation is its unusual fall violet beard, setting this flower apart from others and giving it unusual beauty. When displayed at flower shows it has created a sensation among flower lovers and hybridizers alike. Introduced at \$35.00 but now it is down to where Iris fans everywhere can enjoy it. .... \$5.00



**VIGIL** (Wills '47) E to M to L-38" Famous for its extremely long blooming season. Will greet you in the spring with the early bloomers, extend through midseason and finally finish up with the late flowering iris varieties. Hence should be one of the very best parents for those working toward ever-blooming Iris. A snowy, pure white, tailored to perfection. F. Kennedy in Iris Bul. 114 reports "The best white, if not the best Iris I have seen." **HC'46; HM'47 - (Valor x Venus de Milo) X Gudrum].....\$1.50**

**VIOLET HARMONY** (Lowry '52) Large ruffled violet. Magnificent... **\$7.00**

**WEIRDIE** - Strange and fascinating in its effect, page 21..... **\$1.50**

**WELCOME GUEST** (Linse '52) Handsome yellow-gold, merging to amber **\$7.50**

**WHISPERS** (Linse '51) M to L-42" A delicately colored, clean, cool Iris that will soon win your heart. Its lovely form, delicate coloration and slender, graceful stalks all seem in keeping. Ruffled standards of **chrome yellow** and **nearly horizontal falls of amber white**, gracefully upturned at the edges. **Large flowers measuring 6 1/2 to 7 inches across**. Wide low branching - even the branches branch! **HM'52 - [Jasmine X Blue Rhythm].....\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$4.95**

**WHITE ADMIRAL** (Morris '50) 36" A remarkable English creation not listed elsewhere in America as far as I am aware. Described by one writer as the "greenest white I have ever seen." A superb new white of **great size** and splendid substance, with strong, well-domed standards, large, widely flaring falls. A pale green glow within the throat intensifies the ice-blue white of the remainder of the flower. Beard pale amethyst, tipped yellow. Outstanding, both for the fancier and the breeder. Pollen plentiful..... **\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.25**

**WHITE CINDERELLA** (Wallace '54) Early to late blooming, wide, full white..... **\$10.00**

**WHITE PEACOCK** (Pattison '52) M-38" We have many fine whites but I am inclined to think that I would place this at the top of the list. The **BIG ruffled flowers of near-perfection are a vision of loveliness**. The color is almost pure snow white but as evening approaches blue shadows seem to cast their spell over the blossom. Falls very flaring, with a spread of 7 1/4". Here is real quality. An Iris that will make a mark for itself. Sooner or later I think you will succumb and then White Peacock will be growing in YOUR garden. **HC'49; HM'52 - [Katherine Fay X Lady Boscawen].....\$6.00**

**WHITE RUFFLES** (Taylor '47) ML-44" A beautifully ruffled warm white descendant of Snow Flurry; like a large edition of that famous variety. **Imagine flowers 6 inches high and 6 inches wide**, nicely spaced along tall stems. Also inherits vigor and free-blooming qualities. **HM'47; AM'53 - [Snow Flurry X Princess of Brentwood].....\$2.00**

**WINDSOR** (Tompkins '50) ML-40" Chet Tompkins describes this as a large, beautifully formed flower of deep, bright blue that he thinks has no equal for sheer brilliance and trueness of color. Flowers are heavily subtended, free of veinings, well spaced on tall, excellently branched stalks. A bloom on exhibit at Nashville 1948 meeting brought over fifty cards and letters of inquiry; so it must have that intangible "something" Iris fanciers want. **HM'50 - [Brunhilde X Great Lakes].....\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95**

**WONDERBAR** (Schreiner '53) Beauty like carved ivory. Superb substance..... **\$5.00**

**WOODMONT PLUME** (Mitchell-LaFrenz '54) EM-37" A huge, heavy subtended fancy plicata that everyone raves over. **Standards gaily stippled in burgundy. Rounded falls are widely spread, heavily edged with the same color**. Due to its size and the impression it makes on the public, is considered to be a fine show flower. Already there are reports it is proving to be a good breeder..... **\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95**

**WORTHY MATRON** (Henrickson '55) Extremely early, long blooming white..... **\$7.50**

**YELLOW EAGLE** - Huge flat flowers, spread of 7", page 21..... **\$2.50**

**YELLOW ORGANDY** (Rees '52) L-42" Crisp as starched organdy, this pale yellow, **green-tinged blossom is so heavily ruffled** that it appears almost shirred below its haft. Large 6-inch flowers on four-branched stalks holding 12 buds. A second generation descendant of Snow Flurry. **[Snow Flurry x Happy Days] X Ming Yellow].....\$4.50; 3 for \$12.35**

**YUCCA** (Babson '54) Elegant light yellow with white signal..... **\$4.50**

**ZEBRA** - The only Iris with decorative foliage, page 21..... **2 for \$1.85**

## The Newest and Scarcest of All STOCK TOO LIMITED FOR DESCRIPTIONS But Still Available to Those Who Order At Once 35 — 1954 and 1955 Introductions

**TALL BEARDED** Briar Rose (D. F. Hall '55) \$15.00; Curtis A (Van Slyke '54) \$7.50; Edith Pope (Buss '55) \$20.00; Exotic (Linse '54) \$7.50; Figurine (Babson '54) \$5.00; Golden Corona (Crosby '55) \$10.00; Gold Splendor (Murray '55) \$15.00; Huntsman (Sass '55) \$20.00; Iris Lure (Murray '55) \$7.50; Marsha Kay (Tompkins '54) \$6.00; Mellow Gold (Lowry '55) \$12.00; Miss Christine (Watkins '54) \$10.00; Mission Rose (Brother Charles '55) \$20.00; Native Dancer (Fay '54); \$15.00; Oedipus Rex (Zurbrigg '55) \$20.00; Oriental Magic (Wells '55) \$15.00; Peppermint Pink (Buss '55) \$15.00; Pianissimo (Edmison '54) \$12.50; Red Chieftain (Sass '55) \$20.00; Rose Garland (Wills '54) \$10.00; Rosy Ripples (R. P. Brown '55) \$7.50; Royal Garnet (Cassabeer '55) \$3.50; Smoky Topaz (Cassabeer '55) \$10.00; Snow Goddess (Becherer '55) \$15.00; Soraya (Lothrop '54) \$7.50; Taffy Wings (R. P. Brown '55) \$7.50; Top Hat (Schreiner '54) \$10.00; White Diamond (Wallace '55) \$15.00. **BORDER**: Sultan's Armour (Edmison '54) \$15.00. **DWARFS**: Little Villain (Welch '54) \$2.00; Veri-Gay (Welch '54) \$2.00. **ONCAREDS**: Casino (Plough '55) \$12.00; Mohr Courageous (Naylor '54) \$12.50; Short Song (L. Petersen '54) \$5.00.

## 39 — 1951, 1952 and 1953 Introductions

**TALL BEARDED**: Autumn Brown (Lowry '52) \$10.00; Azure Lake (Muhlestein '52) \$5.00; Blue Blood (C. O. Schirmer '53) \$3.50; Blue Sapphire (Schreiner '53) \$5.00; Columbia (Tompkins '52) \$7.50; Congo (Schreiner '53) \$6.00; Copper Medallion (Schreiner '51) \$3.00; Coronation Red (H. F. Hall '53) \$5.00; Dawn Pink (Nesmith '53) \$7.00; Deep Maroon (Muhlestein '52) \$6.00; Dreamy (Linse '53) \$6.00; Fairy Fancy (Sass '53) \$3.50; Flamingo Bay (Muhlestein '53) \$10.00; Flora Whiting (Whiting '53) \$8.00; Frances Kent (DeForest '51) \$5.00; Francie Crandall (Naylor '53) \$12.50; Frolic (Schreiner '52) \$6.00; Gene Wild (Craig '52) \$10.00; Haloight (Schreiner '53) \$10.00; Highland Fling (Lowry '53) \$5.00; High Seas (Corey '52) \$7.50; Lady Ruffles (H. W. Schirmer '53) \$15.00; Mexiglow (Crosby '53) \$10.00; Moonlight Serenade (Naylor '52) \$3.00; Pink Accent (Pattison '53) \$7.00; Precious Days (K. Smith '53) \$8.00; Queen's Taste (G. Douglas '53) \$15.00; Spring Sonnet (DeForest '53) \$10.00; Stormy Skies (Plough '53) \$10.00; Wide Awake (Lapham '53) \$8.00. **AUTUMNS**: Almond Blossom (Craig '53) \$3.50; Cupid's Dart (Craig '53) \$7.50. **DWARFS**: Cup and Saucer (Welch '51) \$1.50; Orange Gint (Welch '53) \$3.00. **ONCAREDS**: Madam Mohr (Becherer '51) \$3.00; Mary Valentine (Craig '52) \$15.00; Mohr Glorious (Muhlestein '53) \$12.00; Mohrning Dove (Craig '53) \$7.50; Phosphorescent (Craig '51) \$5.00.

## VISIT MY IRIS DISPLAYS

### An Invitation Extended Particularly To VISITORS TO THE A. I. S. CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES

This year excitement among Iris enthusiasts is at high pitch for California plays host to the Irisarians and Iris hybridizers of the nation at the American Iris Society convention in Los Angeles, April 25 to 28. Let me extend to everyone a cordial invitation to visit RAINBOW GARDENS either on your way TO or FROM the convention. Shortly before the convention we are likely to have a substantial display of **ARILS** (Oncos, Regelias and Oncogelias) and of **DWARFS**, **LILLIPUTS** and **INTERMEDIATES**.

Just after the convention will probably be an even better time for a visit. There are likely to be more ARILS in bloom, and the start of bloom of many other types of Iris offered in this catalog. You will see here the **world's largest planting of ARILS** with an acre and a half devoted exclusively to them. Even the Oncos, most coveted of all Iris, occupy a third of an acre. Here you will see not only a wide array of the original species of Oncos and Regelias and many established varieties of Oncogelias, but more significant, results of ten years of breeding work in this field. I have many new hybrid Oncogelias (such as my 1956 introductions Persian Lace and Persian Bronze), and dozens of wonderful **pure Onco hybrids**, a number of which are nearly ready for introduction.

For those of you who live within easy driving distance of Placerville, and who wish to see the main display of Tall Bearded Iris, the best date is likely to be **between May 5 and 20**. Since it is not possible to predict exact blooming dates very far in advance, the best way to insure reaching here at the peak of bloom is to either drop us a postal asking to be notified, or **phone Placerville 74 J 2** in early May. The picture below will give you a partial idea of what is in store for you.



## THE HOME OF THE RAINBOW—➔

One of my Iris fields. You, too, are invited to make an annual pilgrimage to this spot where the Rainbow comes to earth.

### RAINBOW'S GOLD

*At the Rainbow's end is a pot of gold;  
This is a story which long has told.  
'Twas to Placerville that our searching led  
Where words of the adage were proved as said...  
For as pots of gold are the blossoms rare  
That thrill every person who visits there.*

—Alma Braudrick

### HOW TO REACH THE GARDENS

My gardens are on a hilltop among the evergreens, not far from the Lincoln Highway, U.S. 50, the road to Lake Tahoe. When coming from Sacramento you will pass through Placerville on our new freeway. **Just past the end of the freeway, watch for our sign ON THE LEFT, just beyond the Hangtown Pharmacy.** Follow our signs to the gardens, about three miles. When coming west from Lake Tahoe, watch for our sign on a side road at the right, about two miles beyond the lumbering town of Camino. It is only a couple of miles down this road to the Rainbow Gardens.

**Bring your Iris-loving friends.** Let them, too, enjoy our unfolding pageant of beauty. We'll be looking for you, one and all.



# I Invite You to Join The Ever-widening World-wide Family of Rainbow Garden Iris Enthusiasts

Experience The Thrills of Growing Rare and Exotic Flowers  
From Distant Lands, and of Having Year-round Iris Bloom

Get the Habit of Ordering New Iris Each Year and You Will Always Have Excitement in Store for You

## Your Choice: FREE IRIS SEED, ARIL IRIS or EXPENSIVE NEW IRIS Without Cost

When you send in your order just let me know the name of one or more flower-loving friends to whom you have shown this catalog and who have not before seen "Rainbow Offerings." This qualifies you to receive with your order your choice of ANY ONE of these six \$1.00 Bonuses: a \$1.00 packet of seed, either Extra Choice Mixed SIBERIAN IRIS, Summer-blooming VESPER IRIS, or WATER IRIS (Pseudacorus); OR—a rhizome of any one of these \$1.00 ARIL IRIS: ANDROMACHE (Oncogelia), ARTEMIS (Oncogelia) or HOOGIANA (Regelia).

If one or more of your friends to whom you have shown this catalog send in a 1956 order of \$5.00 or more, be sure to let me know about this, whenever they do, because this **DOUBLES your Bonuses**—you get any two of the above six items. And what is more, each friend may add any two of the Bonuses to his order, too. Thus you do your friends a real favor when you let them use your catalog.

Now if your order and your friend's 1956 order are each \$10.00 or more, that is really worth mentioning! Instead of the above \$1.00 Bonuses, you **both** have your choice (as long as supply lasts) of any one of these expensive NEW IRIS, entirely FREE (values up to \$7.50): Real Gold (Ob), Strathmore, Winter Flame (W), Fancancy, Black Michael, Crimson Beauty, Clasmont, Apricot Supreme, Korolkow Pink (R), Theseus (Og), or Rhythm (Oddity).

Also, and note this, you get with your order of \$10 or more one of these Bonus IRIS for each of your friends who sends in an order of \$10.00 or more. But remember, these people must be NEW customers for Rainbow Gardens, and not ones who have received my catalog. Think how grateful your friends will be to you for showing them this catalog and pointing out this choice NEW Bonus Iris that they can get by ordering at your suggestion. Tell them about the Secret Varieties, too. It should be EASY for you to get several of your friends to send in a \$10.00 order, and look what a harvest of expensive Bonus Iris you will reap!

## WHAT KINDS OF IRIS WILL THRIVE IN YOUR STATE?

If you are a beginner with Iris, and have never had the delightful experience of having colorful Iris in bloom almost every week of the year, the question above will probably be the first one you will ask about Iris. And the answer is remarkably simple. All 20 types of Iris will do well in practically every state, except Florida and the damp humid areas close to the Gulf of Mexico. Thus you see that there is no need to restrict yourself to the familiar Tall Bearded varieties.

Most Iris like good drainage. Also, most Iris like plenty of sun. Thus if you can supply good drainage and sun, you can grow practically anything in this catalog. I purposely include only those varieties and species of Iris that are cold-hardy, and can be grown throughout the United States and even in Canada and Alaska. This catalog contains brief cultural suggestions for each type of Iris. Much more complete directions will be found in my Rainbow Iris Manual and Supplement. (See page 2.)

I have many delighted customers in every state. You may be surprised to learn that about a third of them live in the colder eastern, northern and mountainous portions of our great country. A second third lives in the great South, from South Carolina and Tennessee to Texas and Oklahoma. The remainder live here on the Pacific Coast, chiefly in California, Oregon and Washington. So I very likely have pleased customers in the very same city or town where you live. You will find voluntary testimonials from a few of these Iris lovers on page 36, along with information on my hardy, mountain-grown stock.

## CHOOSE YOUR PREMIUM IRIS HERE

According to table at right.

**CLASS A — Tall Bearded:** Benton Damozel, Fantasy, Hi-Time, Pathfinder, Rosabella, Spring Romance, The Knockout, Thurlow Weed, White Ruffles. **Autumns:** Menomine, Mishawaka, October Shadows. **Border:** Gold Intensity. **Oncobred:** Persian Mohr. **Oncogelias:** Charon, Parthenope, Theseus. **Regelias:** Blue Jay, Decorated Delight, Korolkow Pink, Late Amethyst, Orestes. **Table:** Precious Gem.

**CLASS B — Late Bearded:** Benton Lysander, Blue Parakeet, Bold Copper, Brilliant Rose, Laddie, Pacemaker, Paradise Pink, Pink Sensation, Quebec, Radiation, Sky Pilot, Star Shine, Tranquility, Whispers, Yellow Eagle. **Autumns:** Bishop's Velvet, Moon Goddess, Royal Band, Sally Ann. **Dwarf:** Sulina. **Oncobreds:** Blue Abalone, Mohr Elegance. **Oncogelias:** Allegria, Ulysses.

**CLASS C — Tall Bearded:** Apricot Supreme, Ballerina, Benton Olive, Black Michael, Clasmont, Humming Bird, Lady Albright, Midcontinent, Mystic Melody, Norah, Placerita, Royal Sovereign, Summit, Tensleep, The Mad Hatter, Trail Blazer, Utah Sunset. **Autumn:** Pearl Oriole. **Border:** Scarlet Tiger. **Oncobred:** Anatolia. **Regelia:** Real Harmony. **Winter:** Pink Pinaflore.

**CLASS D — Tall Bearded:** Ali Baba, Apricot Glory, Black Mischief, Cherie, Color Riot, Crimson Beauty, Fancy Velvet, Illustrious, June Bride, Lottie Lembrich, Maytime, Oriental Glory, Party Dress, Pretty Quadroon, Spellbound, Strathmore, Technicolor, White Admiral, Woodmont Plume, Yellow Organdy. **Autumns:** Autumn Delight, Savage. **Oncobreds:** Blumohr, Cerulean, Gold Smoke. **Regelia:** Decorated Giant. **Regeliabred:** Lemon Silk.

**CLASS E — Tall Bearded:** Arabi Pasha, Benton Beatrice, Benton Ophelia, Big Time, Black Hills, Cascadian, Fancancy, Marsala, Solid Gold, Spotlight. **Oddity:** Rhythm. **Oncobreds:** Mohr Majesty, Olive Orchid, Real Gold. **Regeliabreds:** Golden Butterfly, Saffron Charm. **Winters:** December Royalty, Winter Flame.

## IT'S EASY TO ORDER BY MAIL

It's simplicity itself to just list the varieties you want and their prices on my handy order blank. Please enclose remittance with your order. For your convenience I accept personal checks or postal or express money orders made out merely to Rainbow Gardens. Currency is O. K. on small orders. No C. O. D.'s please. I acknowledge your order when received, unless to be shipped very soon.

**ORDER NOW.** As explained under "SHIPPING" in the different sections, most Iris are shipped all through the summer and fall, but some kinds only in the fall. They may be ordered at any time, but I strongly urge that you order very soon after this catalog reaches you, since the choicest items, that you particularly desire, may be sold out if you wait. Hundreds of people order by AIR MAIL to insure getting everything they want.

**SHIPPING DATES.** Normally, about 2/3 of our year's orders are received in the spring, and shipped out in rotation in the order received, during July and August. Later orders are normally shipped from August to October. My new low prices and generous Premiums are based on digging and shipping orders in large batches in this sequence. A special shipping date for an individual order necessitates that it be dug and shipped separately, at a much higher cost. So if circumstances require that your Iris be sent at a special date, please add 10% to your remittance and we will handle your order individually.

Iris orders received after November 1st will be filled at the beginning of the next shipping season, that is, in early July. No shipments of Iris are made during winter or spring months, but kits, seeds, germination stimulant, labels, etc., will be sent at any time.

**LETTERS AND NOTES** should be on a separate sheet bearing your full name and address.

## PREMIUMS for Early Ordering

It'll Pay You To Order Within 15 Days

To reward you for ordering EARLY, I offer entirely FREE the valuable PREMIUMS listed below if your order is mailed within 15 days after this catalog reaches you. And, as an accommodation, if you find it difficult for any reason to work out your full order within 15 days, merely mail a \$10.00 deposit on your order now. Then you may have a whole month to work out what to send for, and still take full advantage of the wonderful PREMIUM Offer below. Really, I make it easy for you!

As you will see below, the larger your order, the finer the PREMIUM, and the more PREMIUMS you get (not more than one of a kind). The number of PREMIUMS you get goes up very rapidly with the size of the order. For example, on a \$25.00 order, you get, not twice as many PREMIUMS, but four times as many as on a \$12.50 order. See full offer below:

Order This Amount Or More	Choose Number of Premiums in Any One Column, According to Size of Your Order (Select varieties desired from List of Premiums at Left)	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E
\$10.00 . . . . .	1					
12.50 . . . . .	2 or 1					
15.00 . . . . .	Supplement plus . . . . .	2	or 1			
20.00 . . . . .	Manual plus . . . . .	3	or 2	or 1		
25.00 . . . . .	Manual & Supplement Plus . . . . .	4	or 3	or 2	or 1	
50.00 . . . . .	Manual & Supplement Plus . . . . .	6	or 4	or 3		

Below here you get both Manual and Supplement plus varieties and Premiums indicated.

75.00 . . . . . Clementina plus 6 Premiums in ANY Class  
100.00 . . . . . Unicorn plus 7 Premiums in ANY Class  
150.00 . . . . . Plumed Delight plus 8 Premiums in ANY Class

**PLEASE READ THIS EXAMPLE:** On an order of \$25.00 or more you may have your choice of EITHER 4 from Class B; OR 3 from Class C; OR 2 from Class D; OR 1 from class E. No matter which you choose, you may also list as FREE on your \$25.00 order both my RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL and my SUPPLEMENT No. 1. You can quickly see that it will really pay you to get up in the higher brackets. To do this you may, if you wish, combine your order with those of your neighbors and relatives. Opportunities galore for Garden Clubs!

This year my Premium List, as given at the left, has been greatly enlarged to give you a much wider choice than ever before for your FREE Iris. The list includes no less than 114 varieties of 11 different types of Iris.

Many catalogs give no premiums on collections, but my Premium offer above is based on the TOTAL value of your order, including all discounted Collections and all specially-priced group offers, as well as individual varieties. Thus you get a great deal for your money.

If your first 1956 order, or a \$10.00 deposit, is mailed within the 15 day period, you may send additional orders at any time in 1956 up to October 31, and be entitled to free PREMIUMS on each order. On later orders give your 1956 order number if possible. You will find it on your order acknowledgment.

**IMPORTANT:** Premiums are available free on early orders only if WRITTEN ON YOUR ORDER, and if not, none will be sent, even if you notify me later. However, if you send another order, you may then include Premiums you overlooked on your earlier order, and also a free Premium for your second order even if it is sent later than the 15 day period. If I run short on certain items, I reserve the right to substitute as your Premium another variety in the same, or a higher class, or another variety of similar price.



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## My Hardy Mountain-Grown Stock THRIVES IN GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*It Will Transform YOUR Garden Into A Place of Beauty*

My location in the Sierra Nevada mountains of northern California enables me to furnish the wonderful large rhizomes for which California is famous, and in an acclimatized form that will thrive anywhere, as they are frost-hardened in repeated snows. It will take only one trial order to convince you.

There is no need to wonder if my stock will do well for YOU. I have delighted customers in the rigorous climates of Alaska, Canada and New England, in the temperate zones of the northern and southern hemispheres from the state of Washington to Georgia, from England to Israel and from Australia to South Africa. Hundreds of voluntary testimonials on file from Iris lovers throughout the civilized world testify to the fact that my hardy stock takes hold and blooms for people everywhere just as it does for me here, where all of these natural-color pictures are taken. I give below a few samples of these testimonials.

### FROM SOUTH AFRICA (Half way around the world)

"Your parcel arrived in the most perfect condition. It was a joy to open. The rhizomes were fresh and clean, the leaves green and the roots plump and fresh and beautifully dry. It looked as if the parcel had just been packed instead of having travelled for five weeks! Now after a few weeks they are growing beautifully and sending up increase—one as much as five new shoots." E. J. Beyers, Stellenbosch, Capetown, South Africa.

"I want to thank you very much for the parcel of Iris which arrived in very good order yesterday. I've never had plants with so many increases sent me in South Africa." Mona Honiball, Winterton, Natal, South Africa.

### FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Across the Equator)

"Every Iris from you in the last lot has made wonderful progress and nearly every one is now a nice sized clump. It says a lot for the wonderful substance in your rhizomes that I have not lost one that you have sent to me in several shipments. Considering that these rhizomes have to be dug, and then dried off for several weeks, and then shipped half way across the world, a journey which can take up to nearly three months. Then they are planted and have to start to make new growth, as they virtually have to adjust their growth, etc., as from winter to summer, as the seasons are opposite each side of the Equator." Royce D. Spinkston, Adelaide, South Australia.

### FROM CANADA (Where it's cold)

"I am wholly delighted with the wonderful Iris rhizomes I received from you. Who could be otherwise? I was truly surprised with the 'surprises.' You were indeed generous. Everything is taking hold nicely." Beverly MacDonald, Point Anne, Ontario, Canada.

### FROM HOLLAND (A land of flowers)

"Just a note to inform you that the parcel with the Irises has arrived in perfect condition. Your roots are marvelous—they do not grow so large in Holland and apparently the climate of California is well suited to Irises." Th. Hoog, for whom Iris Hoogiana was named, Haarlem, Holland.

### FROM GERMANY (I sent these Irises by Air)

"All Irises of the collection you sent in autumn 1950 have a splendidly flowered and were the eye-catchers of my Special Iris Show. Especially fine and of great beauty were 'Ruffled Bouquet, Easter Candle (elegant, and just a conchid)', 'Easter Gold (very charming)', and 'Sierra Primrose (very floriferous)'." Prof. Dr. E. Biesalski, President German Iris Society.

### FROM GOOD OLD U. S. A. (With its very diverse climates)

"I have ordered from you for the past three years, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the fine service that has always been given me and for the many free Iris that are always sent with my orders. All of the Irises I have bloomed for me have been far superior to any others that I have purchased elsewhere." Lester M. Shelor, Christiansburg, Virginia.

"Thank you for the wonderful fans you sent me last year. Each and everyone bloomed not with one flowering stalk per fan but as high as three and four from one bulb fan. The two Maytime fans had eight flowering stalks. Paradise Pink had seven stalks from two fans." Victor Hartkopf, Osseo, Minnesota.

"I wish to extend our thanks to you for such high quality rhizomes. We appreciate your fine plants and the service that you have given in supplying us and our garden with more fragments of the Rainbow." William D. Hawkson, Belflower, California.

"I am delighted with the Iris I purchased of you last year. Each rhizome has thrown up five or six plants and they are budded." H. K. de Wolf, Washington, D. C.

"For several years I have been buying Iris from you and have been more than delighted with both the Iris and the service." L. D. Stribling, Gainesville, Georgia.

"As you know we have been buying Iris from you for at least seven years and have selected some from almost all the types you handle. I want to tell you the very satisfactory results we have had. I cannot remember of any rhizome that failed to bloom for us the first year." Charles H. West, Sunol, California.

"About two years ago I ordered some Iris from you and I can't tell you how satisfied I am with them. They were the talk of the neighborhood." Randall De Trinis, Brooklyn, New York.

"The Iris order came a week ago, and it was like opening a Christmas package to find all the lovely gifts, every rhizome looked large and healthy, and I am more than delighted with the quality of your products, and the splendid values you give." Mrs. Robert Alden Cushman, Montclair, New Jersey.

## My Customer's Experiences

### With My Germination Stimulant, Hybridizing Kit and Iris Seeds

"I tried your seed germination stimulant on some seed purchased from you last fall with very good results. From three packets of your tangerine bearded crosses I had the following results: 15 seeds—15 plants; 13 seeds—9 plants; 12 seeds—10 plants. For control I used 100 seeds of cheaper variety in the same type of soil and conditions except for the germination stimulant, and I had only 19 plants." Herbert Dickson, Stillcom, Washington.

"I ordered a package of Germination Stimulant from you this year, and had wonderful results. I placed my Iris seed in mufin pans, covered with cotton, in the freezing compartment of my refrigerator, and left them there for two weeks. Took them out, let them stay room temperature for two days. Soaked them the required 48 hours in Germination Stimulant on top of my clothes dryer over the pilot light. Planted them in an open cold frame Oct. 1st. Out of 300 seed planted there are 125 up now, in early December, and every day more break through. The first ones came up two weeks after planting, and are four inches tall now. Yes it's really worth using." Mrs. Thomas Barret, Roswell, New Mexico.

"With that hybridizing kit I am a very, very happy hybridizer. Hope I will have some beauties in the future."—G. T. D., Seattle, Washington.

"Your kit is a limndandy. Those tweezers are so much easier to use. I intend to send you an order for Iris soon, as I believe most of my efforts are, or may be, wasted on the stock I have." Mrs. L. M., Fort Calima, California.

"Wish to tell you I had a wonderful germination on the Iris seed purchased from you in fall of '52." Mrs. H. B. Bray, Nampa, Idaho.

"Last year I got a package of Iris seed from you and on Sept. 22 I planted 18 seeds in a little cold frame I made from a cigar box with a pane of glass on top. So far 17 seeds have germinated, in fact some of the plants are about 3' tall." Mrs. O. T. Olson, Oak Park, Illinois.

### Why The BETTER Varieties Are Your Best Buy

It is gratifying to find that Iris lovers everywhere are awakening to the realization that, with a rapidly increasing plant like an Iris, they are much farther ahead to buy each year a smaller number of the better varieties than many rhizomes of the older kinds that have such limited appeal. People find more excitement in one of the new Super-Iris than in a dozen of the varieties that were popular in bygone days, and which they will soon be eager to throw out to make room for ones they can really enjoy. Therefore, to make your Iris dollars go the farthest, spend them for varieties you will want to keep.

### ANY GREEN SEEDLINGS?

I am particularly interested at this time in new GREENS, and approaches to green. I shall be glad to hear from you and learn what you have along this line. If I introduce a seedling for you, you naturally will be paid for it, and you will get full credit for its origination. Your name will be given after the variety in all catalogs.

## HYBRIDIZER'S COLUMN

For Pollen and Seed see page 39

### HOW TO HYBRIDIZE IRIS

Thousands of my customers are now taking up this most fascinating and rewarding of all hobbies. To learn the vital flower parts see Ektachrome of Melody Lane, page 28. The 3 reddish beards have nothing to do with pollination. Above the center beard is the cream-colored anther, containing the pollen. Remove an anther from a flower of one variety, and rub the pollen grains onto the top of the stigma of the variety to be pollinated. Stigma is the curved lip just above the anther. Many helpful details in my MANUAL, pages 20 to 41.

### MY GERMINATION STIMULANT

I have tried many ways of hastening the naturally slow germination of Iris seed, but none is as simple and effective as my Rainbow Germination Stimulant. My extensive, carefully-controlled tests have shown it will often double or quadruple the germination of seed of Bearded Iris in a short time—and the quicker you get your precious hybrid seeds to germinate, the sooner you will have bloom. See my SUPPLEMENT for detailed results with seed of different types of Irises. My most recent tests indicate that for use with ARIL seeds my Stimulant should be made up about 4 times as strong as recommended on the package for Bearded Iris seeds. This is likely to double or triple the usual slow rate of germination of Aril seeds. Exact quantity to make 1 quart of solution, with full directions for use. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$2.75; 10 for \$7.95

### My Exclusive HYBRIDIZER'S KIT

Anyone can start the fascinating hobby of Iris Hybridizing with ease with my Exclusive RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING KIT. The most vital items are 2 special tweezers I had made to order for this purpose. The Anther-collecting Tweezers have special flat rounded points that permit collecting the anthers without injuring the delicate and vital style arms. The Clamp-style Pollinating Tweezers are designed to hold the anthers firmly and thus eliminate the strain of pollinating. The Kit also includes the following additional items: 5 Camel Hair Brushes; 36 Special Sliding Pollen Boxes; 100 Pollination Tags in four colors; 2 Weatherproof Pencils; 50 Seed Bags; 15 Printed Record Cards; 12 Permanent Engrav-a-Labels; 1 Stylus for lettering labels; 1 copy of the leaflet "Technique for Iris Hybridization." Price postpaid. .... \$6.25; 2 for \$12.25

### PERMANENT LABELS

Immensely popular permanent ENGRAV-A-LABELS, in beautiful dark green on which you can make clear, white lettering with metal-pointed stylus supplied with the labels. Long-lasting copper wires are also supplied. Ideal for your new and old Iris; also for roses, perennials, shrubs, fruit trees, etc. Price postpaid at.... \$2.50 per package of 100  
3 packages for \$6.95

### PARENTAGES CLARIFIED

At the end of many descriptions I give the parentage of the variety. For this I am adopting a helpful new method originated by Gordon Plough. The last cross, that is, the one that resulted in the variety in question, is indicated by a capital X following the seed parent and preceding the pollen parent. Previous crosses in the pedigree of certain varieties are indicated by lower case x's. This innovation makes quickly comprehensible the nature of the crossing represented in involved parentages. I carry the method one step farther—in by making the important capital X bold in every case.

### EMBRYO CULTURE FOR ARILS

I am glad to report we are finding embryo culture a very satisfactory method for bringing about quick germination of any hybrid seed having an Aril Iris as a seed parent. My assistant, Lloyd Paul, has so far grown about a thousand of my 1955 Crop hybrid Aril seeds by embryo culture, starting them in test tubes of nutrient agar. Full details of our technique will be given in my Supplement No. 2, which I hope to announce in my next catalog, and send with 1957 orders. In the meantime see offer, on page 39, of typewritten directions free with Aril seed orders.

"I am sending herewith my order and check by Air Mail. Your secret variety game is fascinating encouragement. I have already found all but one, just with 1 could order 4 or 5 times as many." Mrs. Dell M. Blanchard, Decatur, Georgia.



## FIND the 40

**GET TWO RHIZOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE**



# TENTH ANNIVERSARY SPECIALS

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CHAMOIS - TB  
CHIVALRY - TB  
CIRCUS - TB

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ELMOHR - Ob  
FALLEN LEAF - Rb  
FLURRY MOHR - Ob  
GIBSON GIRL - A  
GYPSY KING - Ob  
HERA - Og  
HIGH COMMAND - TB  
MOHRLOFF - Ob  
NEW SNOW - TB  
OVERTURE - TB

PINK LACE - A  
POLAR KING - A  
PRECIOUS JEWEL - Ta  
RODEO - TB  
RUSSIAN BRONZE - W  
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Select one

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FANCYWORKS - Ob  
FRANCES CRAIG - Ob  
INCA CHIEF - TB  
LADY ILSE - TB  
PURISSAMOH - Ob  
WINTER FLAME - W

Select one

AL BORAK - TB  
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PINK MARBLE - Ob  
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TALLY HO - TB  
THOMES III - TB  
WINDSOR - TB

Select one

APRICOT GLORY - TB  
BLUMOH - Ob  
DECORATED GIANT - R  
GARNET GLOW - TB  
HUMMING BIRD - TB  
LEMON SILK - Rb  
PEARL ORIENTAL - A  
RASPBERRY RIBBON - TB  
SAVAGE - A  
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Select one

ANATOLIA - Ob  
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HELEN MCKENZIE - TB  
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Dorothea - I  
Glowport - A  
Hebe - Og  
Hoogiana  
Purpurea - R  
Nambu - Ta  
Oberon - Og  
Pink  
Ruffles - Bo

San Pasqual - W  
Sheriffa - Ob  
Spotless - Rb  
Stolonifera  
Conical - R  
Stolonifera  
Leichtlini - R  
Thor - Og  
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Westways - Ob  
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- ☞ AMBER GEM - Bright chestnut brown & gold.
- ☞ AZTEC INDIAN - Ruffled yellow & velvety scarlet.
- ☞ BALLET DANCER - Delightful apricot buff, flaring.
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- ☞ BLACK RUBY - Velvety crimson black.
- ☞ CASA MORENA - Huge glowing chestnut brown.
- ☞ CHAMOIS - Immense, pure chamois self.
- ☞ CHIVALRY - Glorious clear bright blue. Dykes.
- ☞ CIRCUS - Plicata, yellow with mulberry-red.
- ☞ DESERT SONG - Beautifully ruffled cream.
- ☞ EVENGLOW - Rosy lobelia violet, huge & lovely.
- ☞ GREENGLOW - Large white & greenish chartreuse.
- ☞ HELEN MCGREGOR - Ruffled light blue; Dykes.
- ☞ HIGH COMMAND - Stunning gold & rich crimson.
- ☞ NEW SNOW - White as new snow; superb.
- ☞ OVERTURE - Hall Flamingo pink, tangerine beard.
- ☞ PINK CAMEO - Salmon pink, tangerine beard.
- ☞ PINK CLOUD - Very pleasing orchid-pink.
- ☞ PINK TALCUM - Peach-blossom pink, red beard.
- ☞ RODEO - Enormous yellow plicata; a favorite.
- ☞ RUSSET WINGS - Wonderful, glowing russet, lacy.
- ☞ RUTH - Most ruffly & crinkly of yellows.
- ☞ SIERRA PRIMROSE - Lovely primrose yellow.
- ☞ SKY RANGER - Fragrant ruffled medium blue.
- ☞ SOLID MAHOGANY - Very finest inexpensive red.
- ☞ SONG OF SONGS - Enchanting, lacy yellow & white.
- ☞ SQ-72 - Famous Flamingo, fiery beard; for breeders.
- ☞ TREVA - Frosty golden apricot, flaring.
- ☞ TWILIGHT SKY - Fay's choice Flamingo; sets seed.
- ☞ VOODOO - Chocolate-brown & blackish crimson.
- ☞ WHITE SMOKE - Like late ruffled Snow Flurry.

### 75c Each

- ☞ BLUE RHYTHM - Silvery cornflower blue; Dykes.
- ☞ BLUE SHIMMER - Popular blue plicata.
- ☞ BRYCE CANYON - Scintillating terra cotta masterpiece.
- ☞ CHINA MAID - Hardy luscious pink & gold.
- ☞ EASTER BONNET - Most colorful & spectacular pink.
- ☞ EMBER CANDLE - Tall, serene white, gold gilding.
- ☞ INSPIRATION - Immense bright crimson-pink.
- ☞ MAGIC CARPET - Vivid plicata, golden buff & rose.
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- ☞ MULBERRY ROSE - Dazzling mulberry rose.
- ☞ OKLAHOMA - Bewitching sea-foam green & buff.
- ☞ OLA KALA - Pure very deep yellow; Dykes.
- ☞ ORANGE GEM - Orange-yellow, huge & hardy.
- ☞ ORANGEMAN - Fragrant bright orange yellow.
- ☞ PAINTED DESERT - Lovely buff with lilac.
- ☞ PALE DAWN - Fascinating white, veined green.
- ☞ PRAIRIE SUNSET - Apricot, amber & rose; famous.
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- ☞ ROCKET - Large vivid orange, fine parent.
- ☞ SABLE - Intense claret-black. Popular.
- ☞ SALMONETTE - Sass tangerine-bearded pink.
- ☞ SANTA CRUZ - Gay yellow, red veins.
- ☞ SHARKSKIN - Large white, with gold.
- ☞ SNOW FLURRY - Glorious blue-white, great parent.
- ☞ SPINDRIFT - Tangerine-bearded pink.
- ☞ THE RED DOUGLAS - Crimson. Dykes.
- ☞ THREE OAKS - Red & rosy copper; unique.

### 60c Each

- ☞ BERKELEY GOLD - Intense deep yellow.
- ☞ GRAND CANYON - Amazing, crimson & blue.
- ☞ NIGHTFALL - Stunning violet black.
- ☞ RED VALOR - Glowing garnet red.
- ☞ TIFFANIA - Symposium yellow plicata.
- ☞ TISHOMINGO - Wistaria-blue, frosty finish.



# HYBRIDIZER'S PAGE Presented to Help YOU Create Superior New Iris

For How To Hybridize, Germination Stimulant, Hybridizer's Kit, Embryo Culture, Parentages, etc., see page 36

## IRIS POLLEN FOR SALE

(A Rainbow Gardens first! Pollen first cataloged in 1946!)

If your hybridizing ambitions are greater than your pocketbook, you will want to join the many who economically enlarge the scope of their pollinating activities by securing directly from me much of the pollen needed of Arils, the most potent Oncobreds and the very latest in Tall Bearded. Amateurs and professionals alike find they can not only save a year's time, but can accomplish so much more in any given spring if they are not limited in their pollen to what their own garden supplies. By careful selections from my pollen offers, beginners find themselves making crosses in a class with the experts!

As a service to hybridizers throughout the world, I offer pollen of all 815 varieties in this catalog, in so far as pollen is produced. However, since some varieties produce no pollen, especially in certain years, it is always well to mention some alternative kinds that I can send instead, if necessary. When the pollen ordered is not available, and you do not suggest pollen-yielding alternates, I reserve the right to substitute a larger number of anthers of another variety of the same type, and of the same or frequently a higher price. Some varieties have anthers only partly filled with pollen. In such cases I either send extra anthers, or some choice gift pollen to make up for it.

Please note that I cannot send pollen at any specified date, but ship only when pollen of particular kinds is mature. Our season is relatively early. Most pollens will be ready in time to use throughout nearly all of United States, except in Southern California, and other sub-tropical climates. Most Arils start to bloom here between April 15 and May 5; Gatesii and most Bearded Iris normally start some time between May 1 and May 20, depending on weather and variety. Orders for most varieties can be filled up to about end of May. You can usually safely store pollen I send you for several weeks at room temperature. Or, if you prefer you can keep it in your household refrigerator.

The minimum pollen order is \$5.00. With all pollen orders of \$10.00 or more I send FREE on request a copy of my leaflet "The Technique for Iris Hybridization," and in addition a really worthwhile surprise POLLEN GIFT. All prices are for postpaid shipment by Air Mail to any Post Office in the United States.

Air delivery of pollen to foreign countries will require extra postage, but usually not more than a dollar or two. I can often make Air Mail pollen deliveries as far away as Israel in 6 days, with the pollen still nice and fresh. Thus my pollen service is world wide and very economical.

If you receive this catalog too late to get pollen this spring, make your plans now for a pollen order for next spring. It is advantageous to you to send it in NOW, as this will give you top priority in the many cases where pollen is limited. Pollen orders received after the blooming of the types of Iris called for, will be acknowledged at once and then filed for filling next spring.

### PRICES FOR ARIL POLLEN

Get plenty of this virile ARIL pollen, produced where ARILS thrive best!

#### ONCO POLLEN

	3 ANTHERS	6 ANTHERS	18 ANTHERS
Nazarena, Nigricans, Paradoxa			
or Haynei, each	\$2.00	\$3.50	—
Gatesii	1.50	2.50	\$6.25
True Onco Hybrids—Every anther from a			
different hybrid	1.50	2.50	6.25
Susiana, or Atropurpurea, each	1.00	1.50	3.75
Sari	75c	1.10	2.75

#### ONCOGELIA POLLEN

Agatha, Allegria, Charon, Homerus, Isolda, Luna, Ulysses, each	1.25	1.75	3.95
Any other Oncogelias, except 1956 introductions, on pages 8 or 9	1.00	1.50	2.95

#### REGELIA POLLEN

Real Harmony or Decorated Giant, each	1.25	1.75	3.95
Decorated Delight, Korolkowi Pink, Lucia or Orestes, each	1.00	1.50	2.95
Any other Regelia on page 7	75c	1.10	2.75

#### FAMOUS ONCOBRED POLLEN PARENTS

Joppa Parrot	2.00	3.50	—
Capitola	1.50	2.50	—
lb-Mac, True	75c	1.10	2.75

#### TALL BEARDED and OTHER IRIS POLLEN

(Including all Oncobreds except above three)

All varieties priced at \$35.00 or more	5.00	8.00	—
All varieties priced at \$15.00 to \$30.00 (such as Unicorn)	3.50	6.00	—
All varieties priced at \$7.50 to \$12.50	2.00	3.00	6.00
All varieties priced at \$4.00 to \$7.00	1.00	1.50	3.00
All varieties priced at \$3.50 or less	75c	1.10	2.75

There is not an Iris breeder anywhere who cannot benefit tremendously from my all-inclusive and rapid pollen service. Why wait years for adequate pollen production on your own plants when, during the blooming season, you can have in abundance, for your own personal crosses, just the pollen you need, and within a few days of the time you read this—potent fresh pollen from the world's greatest collection of new and rare Iris. An opportunity not to be passed up!

## HAND-POLLINATED ARIL and ARILBRED IRIS SEEDS

From Crosses Designed To Yield New Oncogelias, Regelias and Oncobreds

**ADVENTURING WITH IRIS**—For those who seek abundant adventure close at hand, without traveling great distances, there is nothing that can quite compare with the thrills and excitement that can follow the sowing of hybrid Iris seed. This is particularly true if you sow seed known to come from two outstanding parental varieties, with one or both containing Aril blood. While you may not be able to afford to buy rhizomes of very many of the newest and most expensive varieties to use as parents in your own crossing, you can afford to buy quite a little seed that has come from such superb parents. Each packet of my hand-pollinated seed contains 5 seeds and costs only a small fraction as much as would a rhizome of each of the two parental varieties I use in producing it.

**HAND-POLLINATED ARIL IRIS SEEDS**—The first two of the four groups below represent genuine hand-pollinated seeds of true Aril Iris. As far as I know, this constitutes the world's first offerings in this type of seed, from pure Ancos and Regelias. Ordinarily such seeds are so very scarce that any hybridizer lucky enough to get such crosses to set seeds, covets the seeds as if they were made of platinum. We had ideal seed setting weather last spring and my crop of some crosses turned out to be larger than I had expected. So I am sharing a part of the seed with my good customers.

Growing Arils from seed is always a challenge but the results are so worthwhile that I recommend the adventure to all eager experimentalists and seekers of brand new experiences with Iris. See my comments on page 36 on (1) Stronger germination stimulant for Arils, and (2) Embryo Culture for Arils. With every order for \$15.00 worth of Aril seed, either hand-pollinated or naturally pollinated, or some of each, I will send on request a typewritten copy of Dr. Len's full directions for embryo culture.

PRICE packet	SELECT ANY OF THESE CROSSES DESIRED
	<b>ONCO SEED PARENTS X REGELIA POLLEN PARENTS</b>
\$5.00	Susiana X Korolkowi violaceae, or Susiana X Korolkowi Brown & Green.
\$4.00	REGELIA SEED PARENT X REGELIA POLLEN PARENTS Hoogiana X Decorated Delight; Hoogiana Bronze Beauty X Decorated Giant; or Hoogiana Bronze Beauty X Stoloniifera.
\$2.00	Hoogiana Bronze Beauty X Hoogiana; or Hoogiana Bronze Beauty X Late Amethyst.
\$5.00	<b>TALL BEARDED SEED PARENT X FINEST ONCOBRED POLLEN PARENTS</b> Cloudcap X Joppa Parrot; or Palomino X Joppa Parrot.
\$3.00	Cascadian X Joppa Parrot; or Cherry Flip X Joppa Parrot.
\$2.50	Spindrift X Joppa Parrot.
\$2.00	Cherry Flip X lb-Mac True; Rosabella X lb-Mac True; Spellbound X lb-Mac True; or Zantha X lb-Mac True.
\$3.00	<b>DWARF SEED PARENT X TRUE ONCO POLLEN PARENTS</b> April Morn X Susiana; Cretica X Atropurpurea; or Sulina X Atropurpurea.
\$2.00	April Morn X Atropurpurea.

### NATURALLY-POLLINATED IRIS SEEDS

All priced at \$1.00 per packet; any 15 for \$10.00; any 25 for \$15.00

For those interested either in creating new Iris with the least possible trouble and expense, or in simply producing a quantity of Iris plants at the lowest possible cost, these naturally pollinated Iris seeds offer inviting possibilities. For a mere dollar you can buy enough seeds of any one of many kinds of Iris to grow long-lived plants that would cost you \$15.00 or \$20.00. However, there is a great difference in the rarity of the seeds of the different types of Iris listed below; so you will find noted in each case about how many seeds you will get per packet. Colors of seedling flowers will tend to follow parents but often there will be much variation and opportunity for selection. See my MANUAL and SUPPLEMENT for directions for sowing.

#### ARIL IRIS SEEDS

(See comments above on handling Aril seeds)

TRUE ONCOS, 5 seeds per packet except as noted: Gatesii, Nigricans, Susiana, Mixed Oncos, or Sari (25 seeds per pkt.).

ONCOGELIAS, 10 seeds per pkt.; practically all are F<sub>1</sub> hybrids so these seeds will give you the highly variable and interesting F<sub>2</sub> generation: Artemis, Camilla, Eunice, Luna, Oberon, Teucros or Theseus.

REGELIA SPECIES, 50 seeds per pkt.: Hoogiana, Korolkowi Brown & Green, Korolkowi Pink, Korolkowi Violaceae, Stoloniifera or Stoloniifera leichtlini.

REGELIA SELECTIONS, 35 seeds per pkt.: Blue Joy, Decorated Delight or Late Amethyst.

REGELIA F<sub>1</sub> HYBRIDS, 25 seeds per pkt. except as noted; will give you the variable F<sub>2</sub>'s: Lucia, Orestes, Vulcanus or Hoogiana Bronze Beauty (100 seeds per pkt.).

#### ARILBRED SEEDS

ONCOBREDS, 15 seeds per pkt.: Butterfly Wings or Mixed.

REGELIABREDS, 15 seeds per pkt.: Mixed.

#### BEARDED IRIS SEED

TALL BEARDED: Rainbow Mixture, 50 seeds per pkt.; Flamingo Pinks, 25 seeds per pkt.

AUTUMN BLOOMERS, 25 seeds per pkt.: Glad Song, September Sparkler or Mixed.

WINTER BLOOMERS, 50 seeds per pkt.: Pink Pinaflore or Mixed.

LOW GROWING, 50 seeds per pkt.: Dwarfs or Mixed.

#### BEARDESS IRIS SEEDS

SIBERIANs, 200 seeds per pkt.: Pink; Red; Light and Bright Blues; Dark Blues and Violet; or White.

SPURIAS or BUTTERFLY IRIS, 100 seeds per pkt.: Mixed.

WESTERN NATIVES, number of seeds per pkt. given after each: Douglasiana (Rainbow) 200; Innominata Mostly Yellow (200); Innominata Many-Colored (50); Missouriensis (50); Munzi (50); Orchid Sprite (50); Santa Ana (200); or Tenax (200).

BEARDESS ODDITIES and BULBOUS, number of seeds per pkt. given after each: Bucharica (100); Dichotoma (Vesper, 200); Pseudocuber (Water Iris, 75); Claret Cup (100).

"We have learned that plant life is as plastic in our hands as clay in the hands of the artist. Plants can readily be moulded into more beautiful forms and colors than any sculptor can hope to equal."—LUTHER BURBANK



1956's MOST ORIGINAL

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# ★ NOVELTIES ★

Each year I present the **most novel, distinctive of current offerings** of the Iris hybridizers. For years I have been searching the earth for the most unique of all new Iris. These are my findings—**utterly different, extra choice**. Try exhibiting these at your flower shows. All are tall Bearded except the Oncobreds Clementina and Blue Abalone.

**BROADRIPPLE** (Buss '52) M-36" Broadripple has no difficulty in meeting the basic requirement for inclusion in this elite group. That is, each variety must be unique and outstanding. Broadripple is impressive for its **size and substance and particularly for its form**. It is nobly proportioned with falls fully 3 1/4" across center and 2" at the haft. A lovely self, colored in **soft aster-blue** without a discordant note. The broadly rippled petals are in perfect balance and one marvels at the luxuriant nature of this Iris. Good branching and plenty of strength to support these huge blooms. Has been described as "positively epochal." Pollen viable and sets seed readily. [Violet Symphony X Vista Veronica].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**CLARA B** (Muhlestein '52) ML-37" A top-notch new flower for both the fancier and the hybridizer interested in the new lacy-edged form. Very heavily **ruffled white with lemon-gold border**. Just what the visitors all want because of the **heavy ruffling and prominent lacy edge to the petals**. Due to the pinks in its ancestry, it should be useful for breeding along this line, but its greatest value is for breeding lacy-edged types. Already it is the seed parent of the Queen of all Iris to date in this field, namely, Queen's Lace. Thus Clara B is the **finest breeder available for lacy-edged things, at so moderate a price**. [Chantilly X (Halls 42-10 x S072)].....**\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95**

**CLEMENTINA** (Austin '55) EM-34" This is the **huge, heavily-marbled** Oncobred that attracted the attention of so many of our visitors. As the flower first opens it is often of nearly normal Iris form, but within a day or two many of the **flowers flatten out so that both standards and falls extend out nearly horizontally**. While it is hard to imagine for any Iris, these immense flowers sometimes have a **spread up to 9 inches**. The unique flat Iris blooms are ideal for use in a shallow container on the dining table. Named CLEMENTINA because of the striking resemblance of the huge flat flowers to those of clematis blossoms. The color of this new giant is most appealing, being a pale bluish lavender, heavily marbled with deep amethyst. Either flat or in the normal Iris form the **marbled coloring** is so exquisite that I had more requests for this last spring from visitors than for any other variety not introduced at that time. A very heavy bloomer, producing a mass of flowers. Resulted from a seed embryo-cultured for me by Dr. L. F. Randolph. As may, perhaps, be seen by close inspection of my color picture, all six petals have beards, though those on the standards are smaller and whiter. This may be the only Oncobred with 6 beards, like the Regalias. In great demand for use as corsages, for which it is **simply superb**. A splendid seed setter, producing good seed for me when crossed with Gatesii, Capitola and Ib Mac True. [Snow Flurry X Capitola].....**\$17.50**

**DANCING TIGER** (Schreiner '53) M-38" Really striking, entirely new! Very large jewel-bright plicata with a ground color that is really yellow. There is a stunning lightly-cut half inch border of penny brown with fine slender lines on the edge of the falls. A big improvement in the yellow plicatas. Truly a flight of fancy. [Two unnamed plicatas].....**\$6.00 > 3 for \$13.50**

**DARK CHOCOLATE** (Murray '54) EM-38" A beautifully formed flower that is such a great advance in this color class that it has **created quite a sensation among the fanciers who have seen it**. The hybridizers all covet it, too, as it comes from Tobacco Road, which is probably the most famous of all browns as a seed and pollen parent. A clean, **dark chocolate color—as dark as Baker's chocolate**, very large and tall, with good branching and very heavy substance. Very profuse flowering, often producing 3 or 4 stalks from a single rhizome. Rich, dark and commandingly different! **HC'53, HM'54**—[Tobacco Road X Grand Marshall].....**\$18.00**

**GREEN HAT** (Murray '55) M to L-38" My first offering of a significant new addition to the green-toned Iris. **Unique** is certainly the word for this, as it has standards of green-chartreuse, falls of hazelnut-brown, edged with the green color of the standards, and set off with a gold beard. A flower of heavy substance, producing 7 to 10 blooms per stalk. Should be wonderful for hybridizers; has two greenish Iris in its pedigree, Green Pastures and Appointee. [Green Pastures x Melitta] X Appointee].....**\$7.50**

**MYSTIC LEGEND** (Webster '55) M-40" Envision an Iris of huge proportions with standards domed, falls long, broad, delightfully ruffled. Now take the subtle lavender blue on the horizon and paint the standards. Lighten it with gray snow and spread the pigment over the falls. About the dove-gray beard infuse a hint of the green of spring to come. This is MYSTIC LEGEND, a flower that attracted the crowds at the Pasadena Iris show. Note particularly that it comes from Green Pastures' pollen. [San Diego X Green Pastures].....**\$20.00**

**RUFFLED APACHE** (Wallace '54) ML-36" I am proud to present for the first time, the Iris I rated the highest of all the new introduced Iris I saw in 1954 at the Salt Lake City Convention of A.I.S. Has that much-sought Chantilly-lace edging to a greater degree than any other variety offered in this catalog. The lacy appearance is so striking, the color so new for a lacy-edged variety, it always makes the visitors stop and exclaim in admiration. Standards soft bronzy amber, beautifully arched and closed. Falls **rosy crimson with lacy bronze edging**. Beard bright yellow, large and conspicuous. So outstanding it was shown on the front cover of the January, 1955, Bulletin of the A.I.S. Fertile both ways. You need this one! **HM'54**—[Matula X Midwest Gem].....**\$12.50**



CLEMENTINA—A new conception in Iris!

## ☆ The NEWEST Thing in Iris ☆ RED, BLUE, YELLOW and LAVENDER IRIS WITH VIVID TANGERINE BEARDS

A dazzling array of bright new colors enlivened with highly decorative orange-red beards—color combinations **entirely without precedent**. Be the first to display these newest products of the hybridizer's art.

**BLUE ABALONE** (Austin '55) EM to M-32" Anyone who has seen the **wondrous varying colorings and reflections from an abalone shell** will readily grasp the novel color pattern of this distinctive new flower done in tones of blue. Standards pale lilac blue. Falls deep **lilac blue**, changing to paler at edge, with striking brown veins at haft beside the unusual heavy and **bright tangerine beard**. [Elmohr X Abalone Shell].....**\$2.50 > 3 for \$5.50**

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